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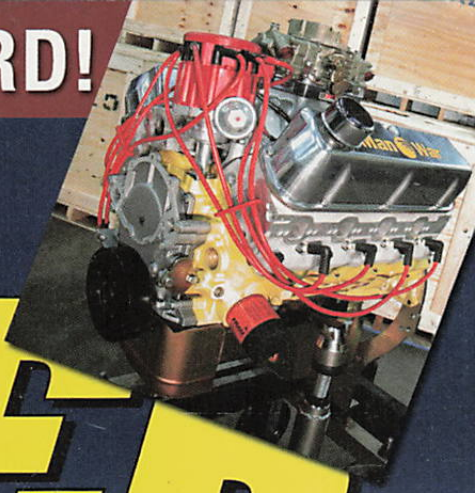

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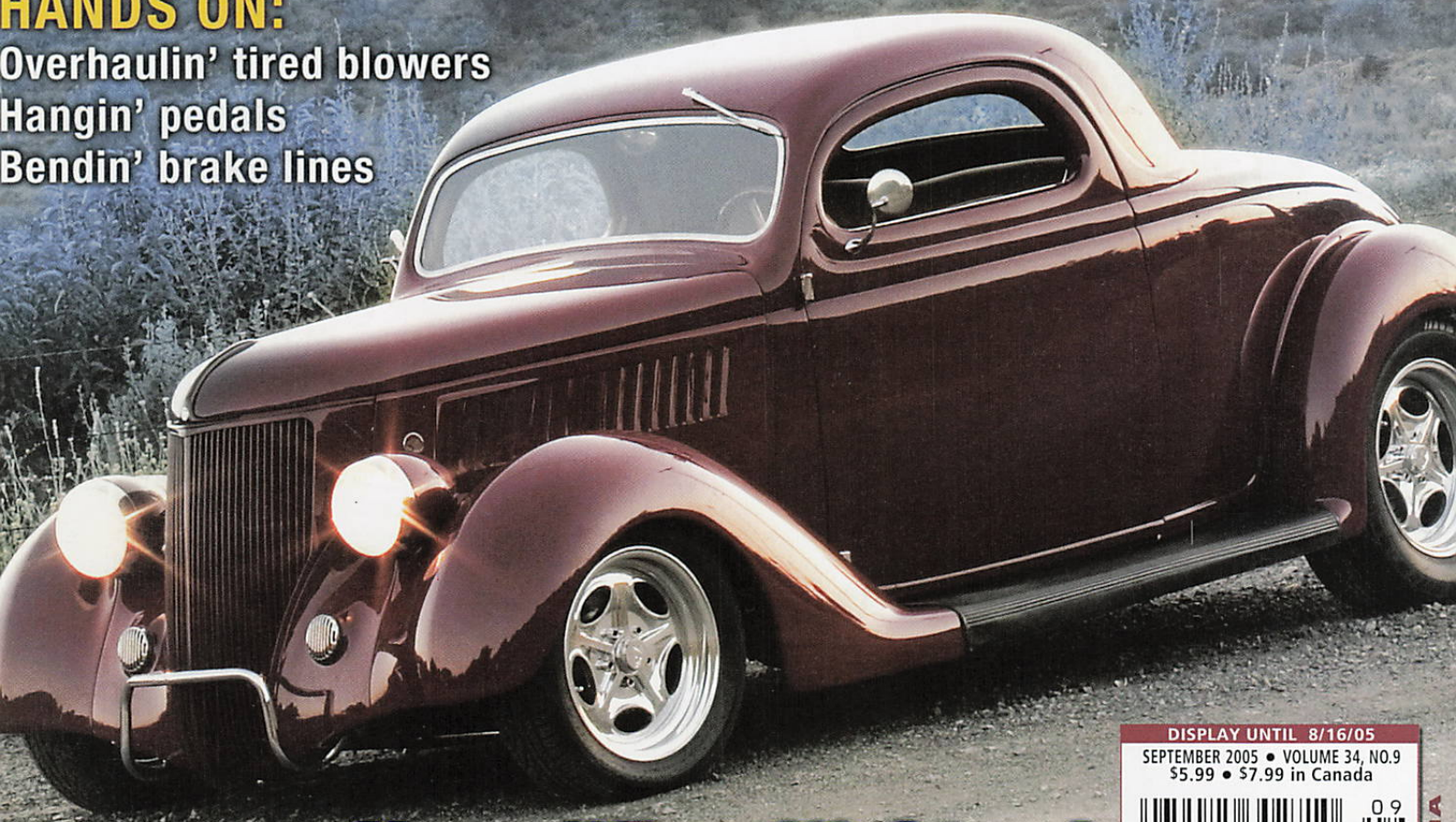

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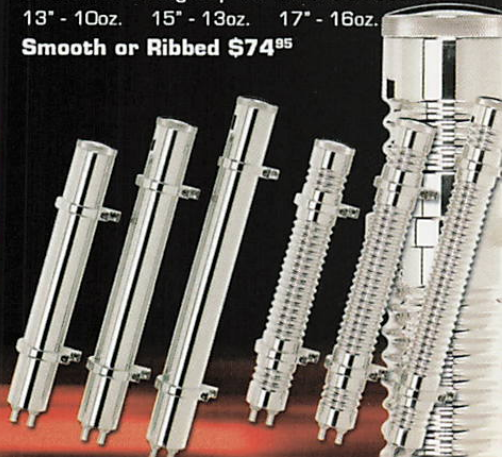

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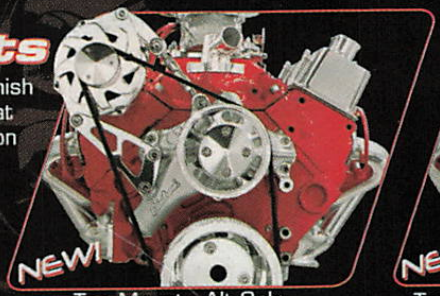

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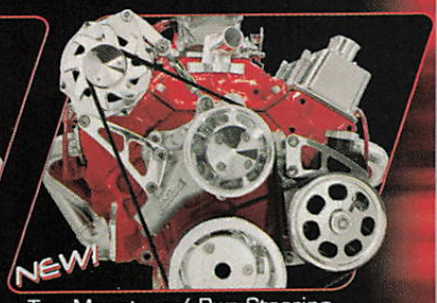

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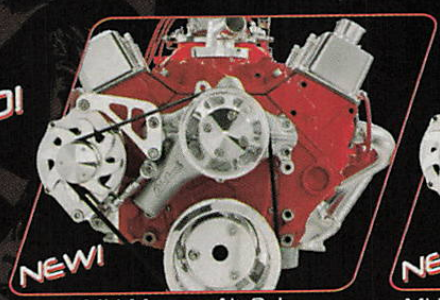

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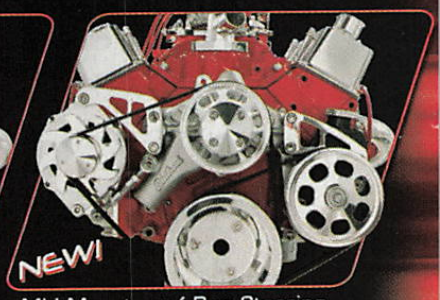

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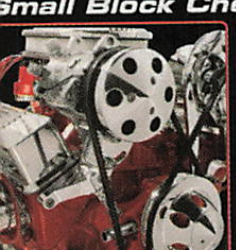

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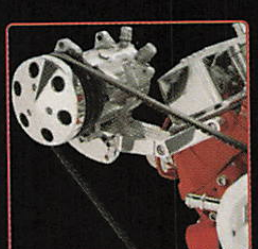

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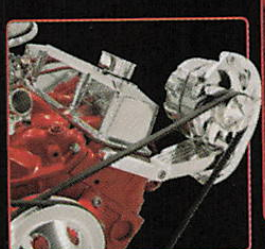

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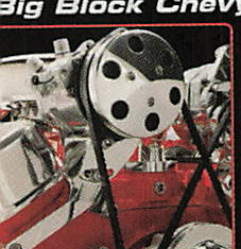

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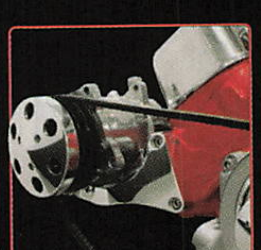

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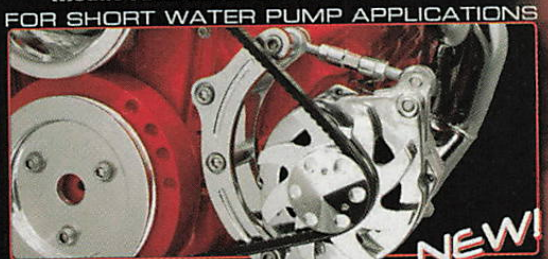

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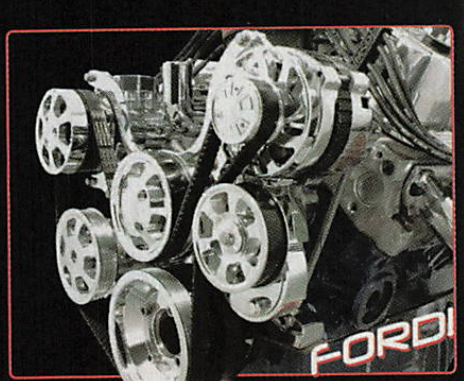

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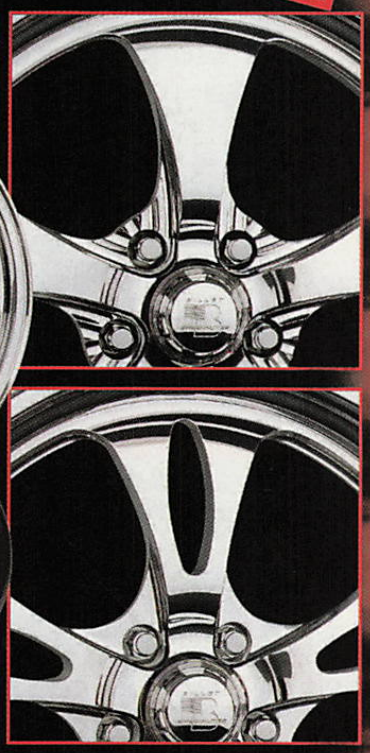

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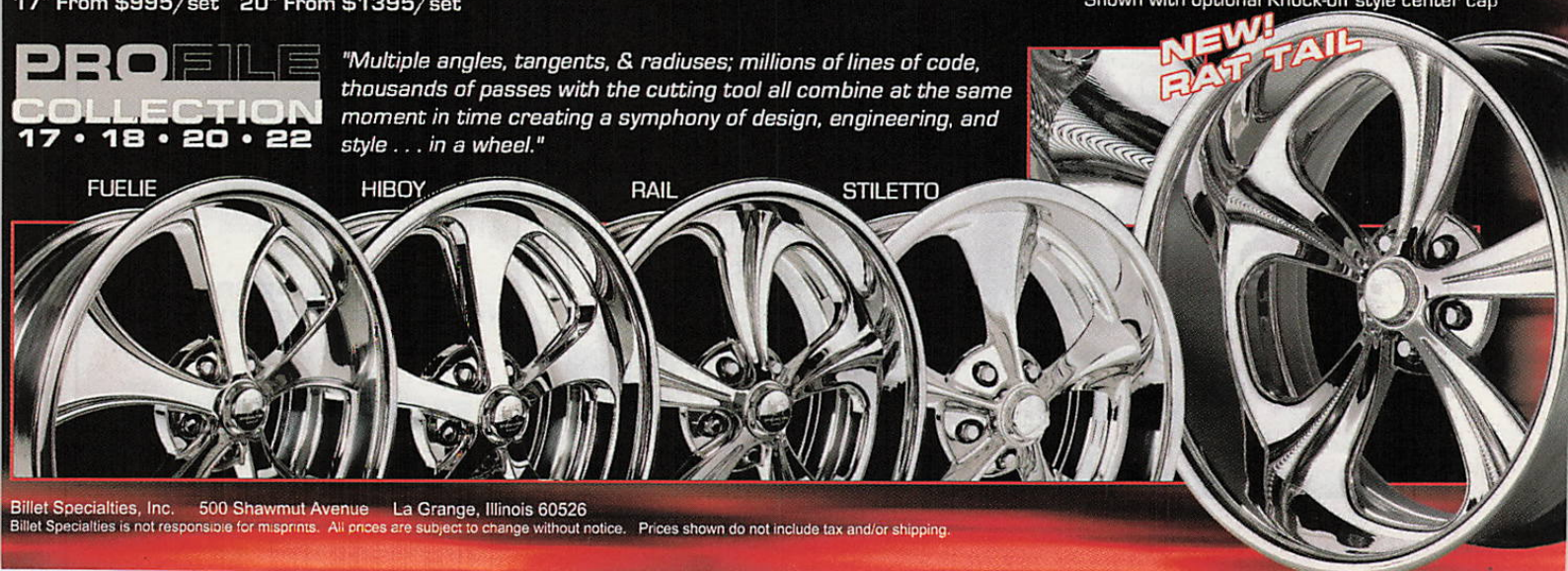

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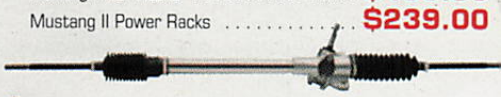

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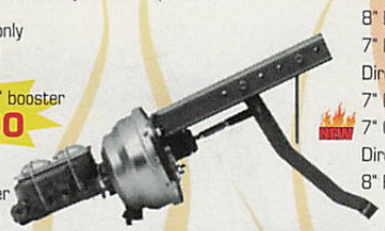

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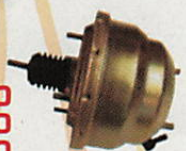

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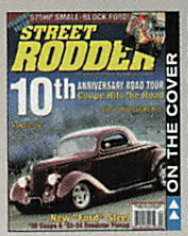

ON THE COVER: It's birthday time at STREET RODDER as the PPG/ STREET RODDER Road Tour program celebrates its 10th anniversary. This year's Road Tour car is a J.B. Donaldson '36 Ford coupe resting on a Total Cost Involved chassis with an Air Ride Technologies air spring suspension, and is powered by an EFI Roush Performance 342 small-block Ford. (Photo by Brian Brennan and Nick Licata) The inset photo is the latest from World Products as it unveils the newest addition to the small-block Ford engine. (Photo by Barry Kluczyk)

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WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

Lately you may have noticed a growing number of street rods of substantial substance. Allow me to elaborate. Some would say incredible style, craftsmanship, quality, and (gulp!) vast budgets. While the majority of us can only dream of owning a street rod of such essence we can still appreciate the effort. With our collective egos left at the garage door, all of us should recognize these cars as tremendous accomplishments. Really!

For starters, the Chip Foose-designed/built '36 Ford roadster belonging to Ken Reister is the "rod of note" for 2005. It outdistanced the highly competitive field, winning this year's Detroit Autorama *Ridler* award, and is an early favorite for the 2006 Grand National Roadster Show's *America's Most Beautiful Roadster* title.

Think back to other rods debuted over the past year and note how each raised the bar—and then look back and note how each of these efforts can benefit you in your next project.

Let's start with the Eric Peratt (Pinkee's Rod Shop) designed/built '29 Ford roadster pickup belonging to Royce Glader that was a finalist at this year's Grand National Roadster Show. Always a crowd favorite, it took home the *Go for the Gold Fine Nine* award, which included a $20,000 cash award. (Another gulp!) It was also a "car of interest" at Detroit and Blackie's Fresno Autorama. Did we mention that this roadster pickup explored new ground (the evolution of the rat rod) for high-end street rods, and did it oh so successfully?

How about the lil' board track racer from Creative Concepts? Zane Cullen and his staff "cowboyed up" (to use vernacular of the day) and created a street rod that truly explores the history of performance, blending new technology and historic appearance to achieve a look that is ripped from the pages of history. This street rod was a huge favorite at the most recent SEMA Show, where there are literally hundreds of mind-bending, budget-busting efforts—but the board racer was the favorite.

But there's more. The Troy Trepanier (Rad Rides by Troy) designed/built '32 Ford highboy belonging to Roger Ritzow captured the title of the 2004 Goodguys *Street Rod of the Year* presented by Eagle One. The car is still being talked about as one of, if not *the*, most superbly crafted and detailed 1932 Ford highboy roadster ever built. How's that for intimidating!

Then there's Steve Moal (Moal Inc.), who has built any number of finely crafted street rods, and one of his most recent efforts is the 1932 Ford highboy roadster called *Seduced*. Owned by Paul and Erik Hansen, the highboy was in the running for the Detroit Autorama *Ridler* award in '04 and won the *America's Most Beautiful Roadster* award at the '05 Grand National Roadster Show.

There are other keynote Moal creations, such as Eric Zausner's Ferrari V-12-powered one-of-a-kind, as well as his all-new Speedway Special, a blue '32 Ford roadster fired by a 450hp Ardun-Ford V-8. Be on the lookout for the most recent Moal creation to appear in *STREET RODDER*: the Bob Dron radically channeled, scarlet red '*32 2 Low* retro-lowboy roadster.

Moving into the realm of superb craftsmanship coupled with fun, there's Jon Hall's all-new red '27 Model T highboy roadster on Deuce 'rails. Jon's T has been described as a "scoch bigger," maybe because he opted to make the body fit the Deuce frame rather than fitting the frame to the car—a common practice. The Hall team scaled up the time honored Model T dimensions, creating a Tin Lizy roadster that fits modern rodders (ah … taller, wider, and heavier!).

Other creations of noteworthy effort are the *Aluma-Tub* and the *Whatahey*, both belonging to Scotty Gray and designed/built by Boyd Coddington and his crew. The *Aluma-Tub* (1929 Ford Model A highboy phaeton) possesses both unique styling and execution via its all-aluminum presentation—body, chassis components, engine, etc … this rod is a recycler's dream.

The *Whatahey* may have a funny name, but there is nothing hilarious about its '30s-era styling coupled with modern rodding touches. This is one rod that wears its "Clark Gable" heritage on its fender.

Well, that about wraps it up, but there are two other worthy "honorable" mentions to this illustrative list of really, really well-built and mighty kool street rods. Be on the lookout for the latest, and possibly last, effort from Lil' John Buttera. He is on the verge of releasing his polished (yes polished) aluminum body lakes-modified, torsion suspension—and wait until you see the wheels on this beauty.

And, back to the beginning. Chip Foose is designing and building something for himself (yep his own rod), which he hopes to debut at the 2006 Detroit Autorama. If you are expecting another Titan seeking the *Ridler*, you will be sadly mistaken. His goal is to debut his P32 highboy roadster in the "basement" of next year's Autorama. You see the basement is the hangout for the X-treme rods—you are gonna love his V-12 Lincoln-powered hot rod. What's the theme? Well, image a WWII fighter pilot several years after VJ Day pining away for his fighter plane. Interested? Hang in there!

What does all this mean? We are living in the new era of coachbuilt rods. Another level, another standard is before us. Many of us remember as hot rods evolved into resto rods, into street rods, into phantom rods, into coachbuilt rods. Yep, the times they are a changin' right before our eyes. This is a great time to be a rodder. SR

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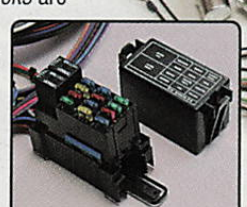

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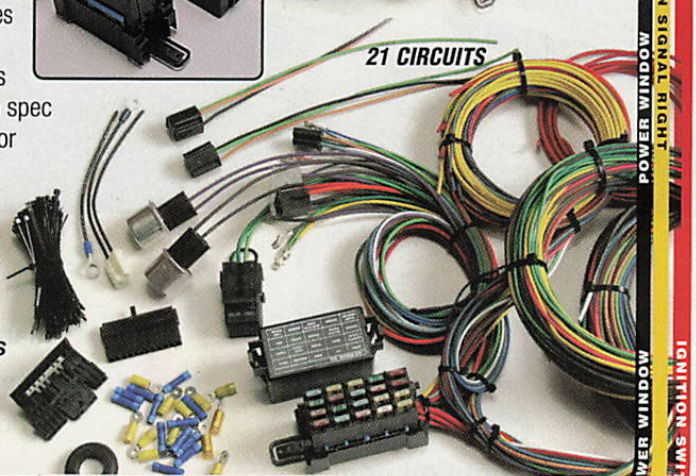

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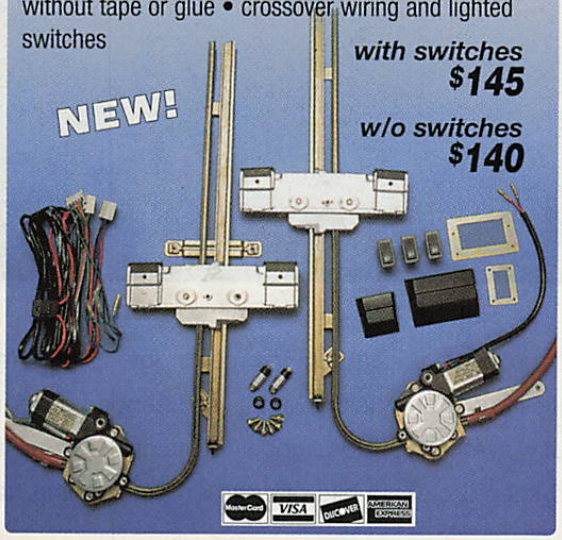

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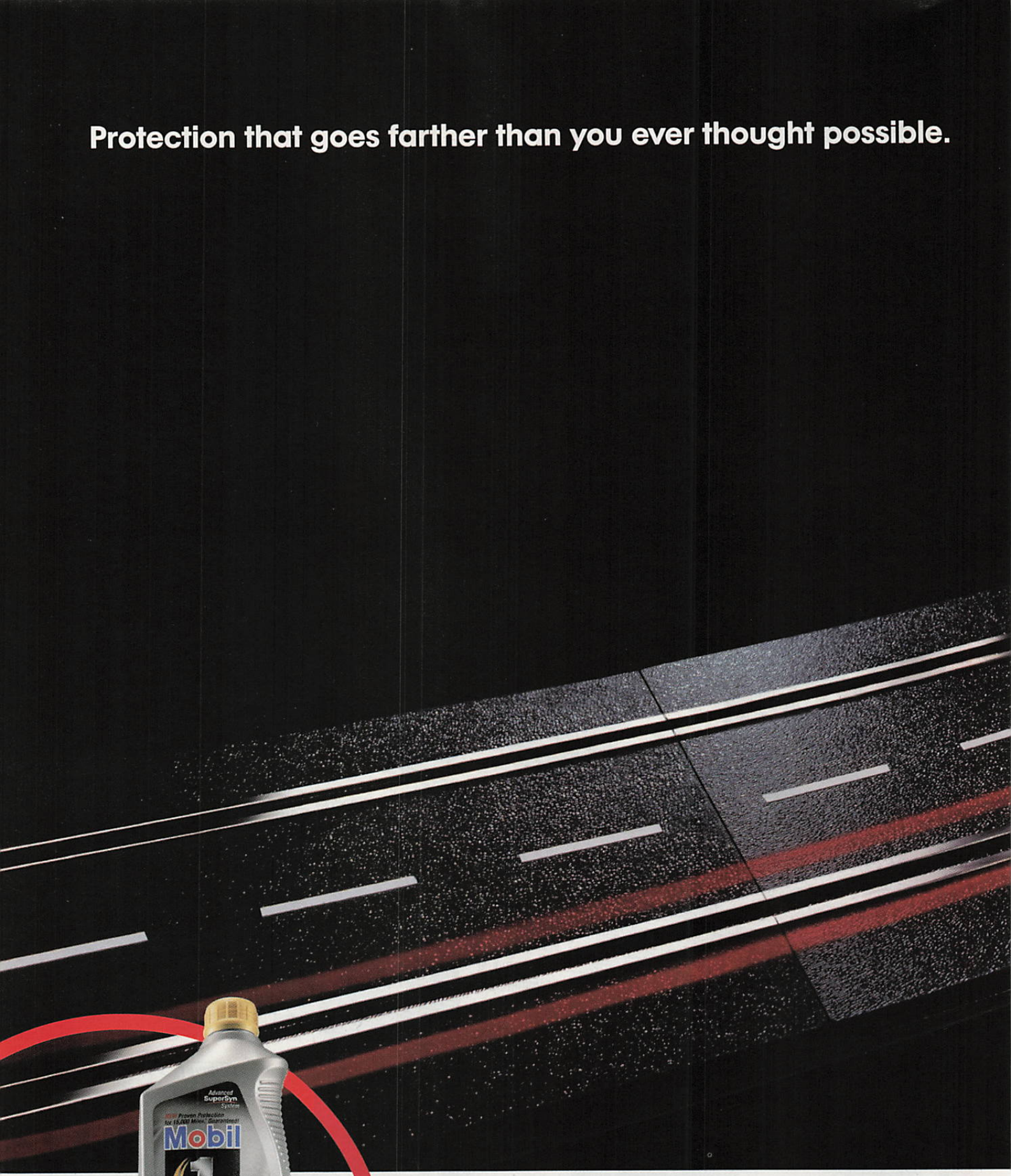

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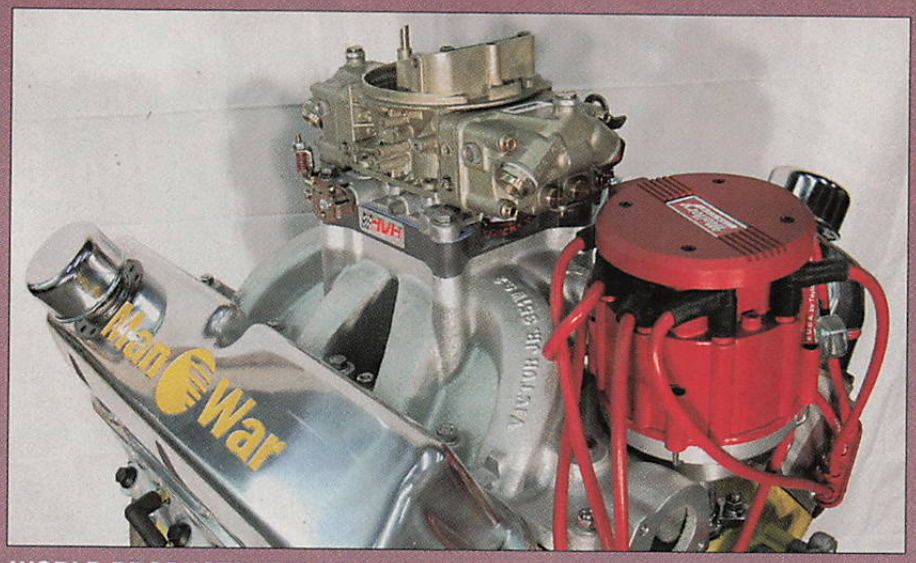

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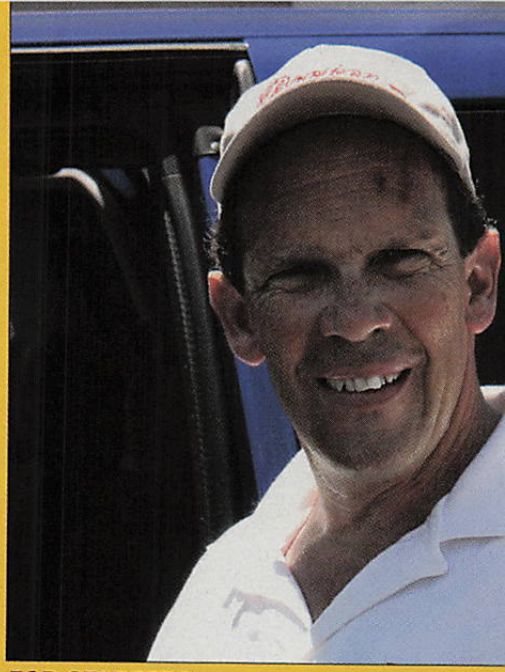

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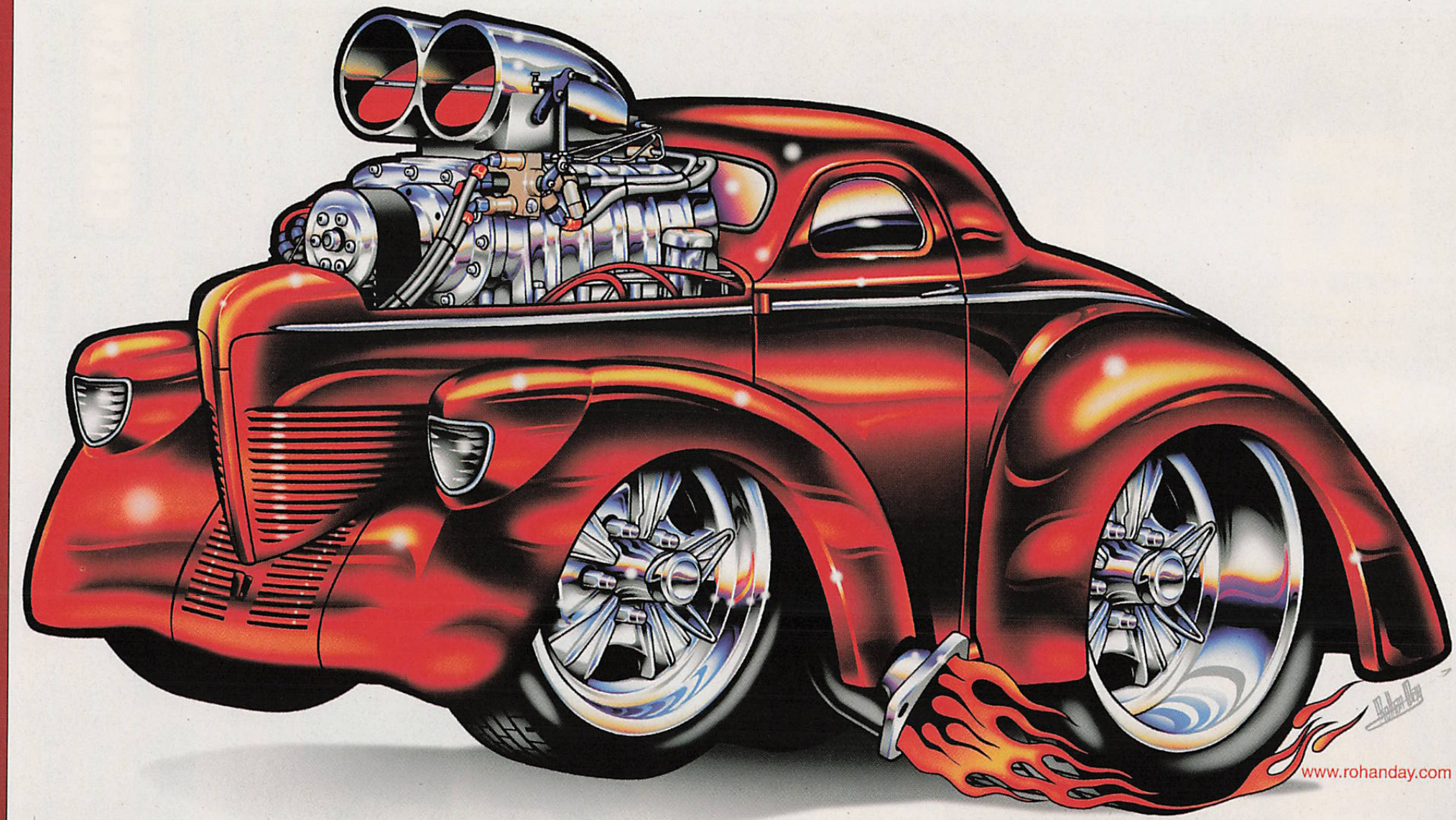

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SO-CAL ARIZONA HOSTED AN OPEN HOUSE | Last year SO-CAL Arizona celebrated its 30th year in business, but nobody makes a big deal about a 31st anniversary. We needed a new reason to party—something fresh—and Jimmy Shine and his bare metal '34 pickup was just the answer. Jimmy's truck has great crossover appeal, from the dry lakebeds to the floor of the Grand National Roadster Show.

The festivities began early Saturday morning, April 24, on a beautiful spring day in Arizona for a barbecue.

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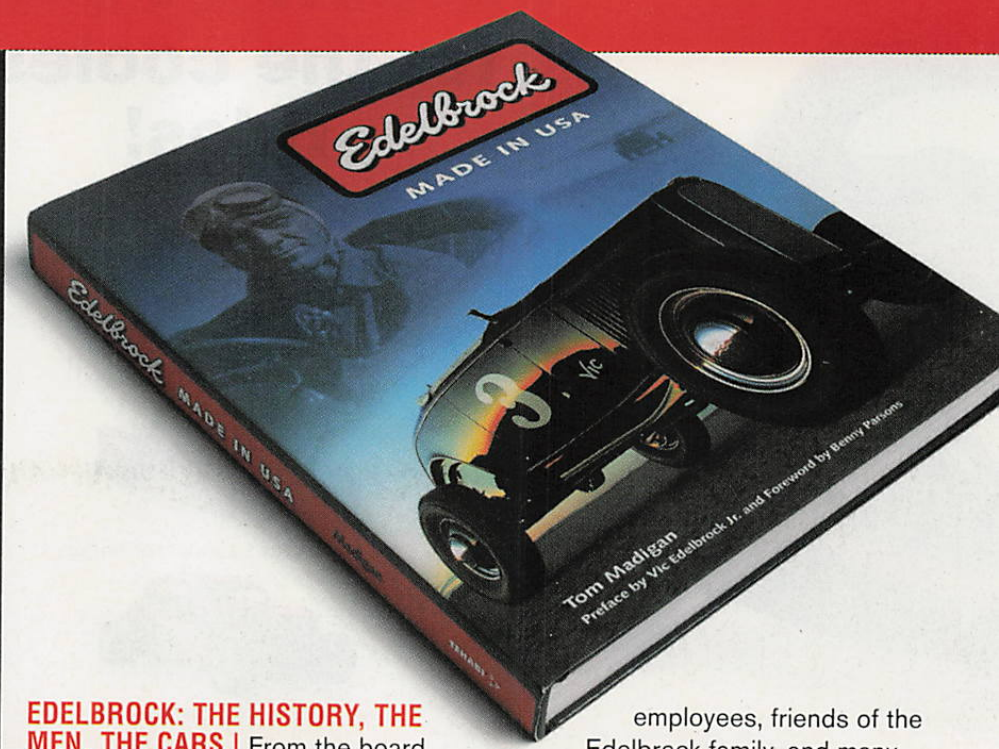
There was a huge turnout of cool cars and fans of all ages who came out to meet Jimmy and snap a picture of his "funk-tional" pickup. Jimmy is the headliner of the Outlaw Division of SO-CAL Speed Shop, an inspiring surfer, hot rod builder, and Bonneville racer who has attracted a new generation to the age-old hobby of building, customizing, and cruising in hot rods. Thanks to Jimmy, the SO-CAL Arizona team, and a few special helpers, the day went off without a hitch.

We are looking forward to next year when the whole SO-CAL family will be celebrating with Alex Xydias and the 60th anniversary of SO-CAL Speed Shop.



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"Edelbrock: Made in USA" is loaded with photos that have never been seen by the public until now. Collected from several hundred sources, original photographs came from Wally Parks, the personal archives of Vic Edelbrock Jr., past employees, friends of the Edelbrock family, and many more. Some photographs came straight from the bulletin board of Vic Sr.'s club, the Roadrunners. In fact, the original tacks were still hanging on in some cases!

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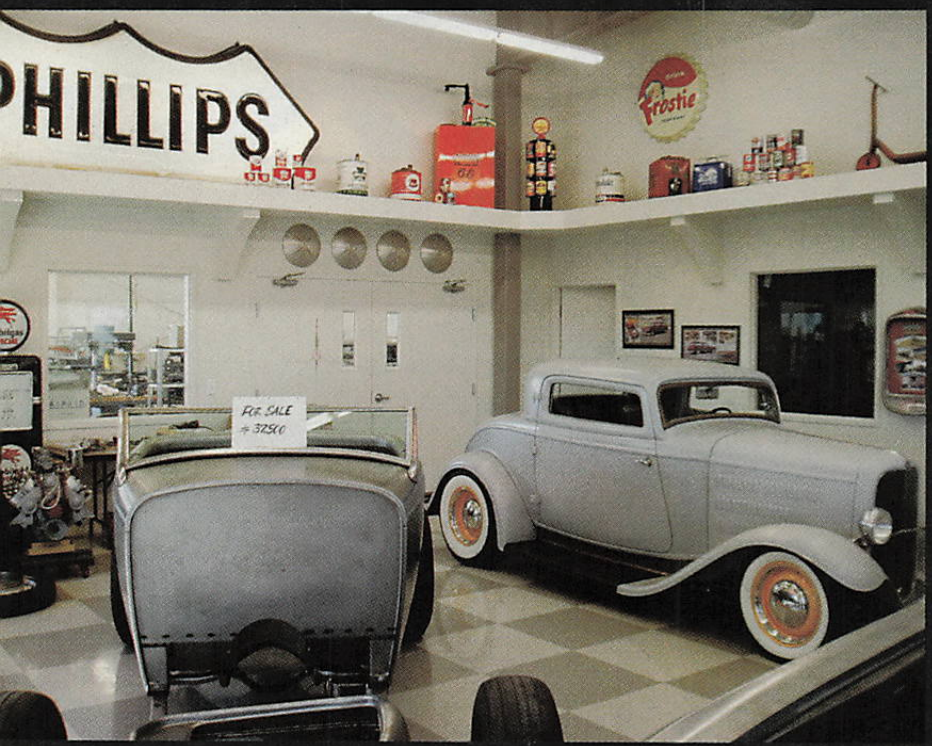

IS THIS BIG ENOUGH? | Apparently Thom Taylor's article on "Butchering the Classics" has spurred some additional efforts by other street rodders. The guys at Metropolis Speed and Custom are looking at doing one such project themselves in the form of an Auburn. It came from an idea Paul Walter and his friend and artist, Jim Orr, had and then put pen to paper.

The Auburn will retain the very characteristic original grille, windshield, and convertible top. All other panels are to be vastly modified from the originals so as to bring off the fenderless look while keeping the unmistakable characteristics of the original speedster. Colors are also undecided, but there about nine different schematic ideas right now.

The rear suspension is of a ladder-bar-style arrangement carrying a quick-change. Initial design of front suspension called for split wishbones on a dropped I-beam, but an alternative design for independent is in the works.

Engine/transmission is undecided, but it will absolutely be supercharged. Wheels and tires are a combination of 19s and 20s with blackwalls and disc brakes inside finned drums at the corners.

For more info on this and any other project at Metropolis Speed and Custom, contact them at 93 W. Hubbard Ave., Dept. SRM, Columbus, OH 43215; call (614) 294-3082; or visit www.metropolisspeedandcustom.com.

WELL DESERVED CREDIT | The April 2005 issue of STREET RODDER featured a two-car spread of Willys Americars under the title "A Tale of Two Willys." Among other things, we misrepresented a few details, including the car's dash construction. To make matters worse, we didn't credit the dash inserts' manufacturer, J&B Microfinish.

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Jim Morgan proudly holds the Goodguys 2005 *Street Rod d'Elegance* trophy, presented by Eagle One. His winning '40 Ford coupe was his first hot rod project since high school, and look for it in an upcoming issue of *STREET RODDER*.

2005 GOODGUYS STREET ROD D'ELEGANCE AWARD | Jim and Nancy Morgan's 1940 Ford Opera coupe from Richmond, California, won the 2005 Goodguys *Street Rod d'Elegance* award, presented by Eagle One. The Morgans accepted the award in the paddock at the world famous Del Mar Racetrack and Fairgrounds in front of a capacity, sun-soaked crowd.

The award capped a 40-year love affair with the car for Jim. "Back in high school, this coupe was the baddest car in town," he recalls. "The original owner, Wayne Seeberg, and I were in cub scouts together and went to the same high school together. I always admired the car's reputation. Back in 1969 it was put inside his mother's garage where it sat for 31 years. I saw him in 2000 and he informed me his mom had passed away and he was selling her house and the car. It was offered to me and I jumped at the chance to own the car that meant so much to me as a kid!"

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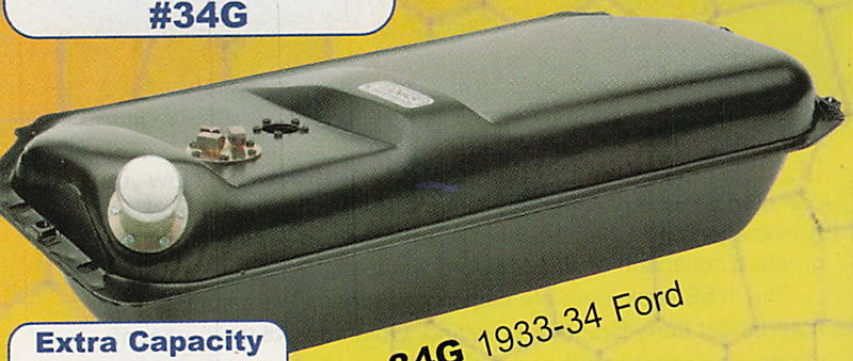

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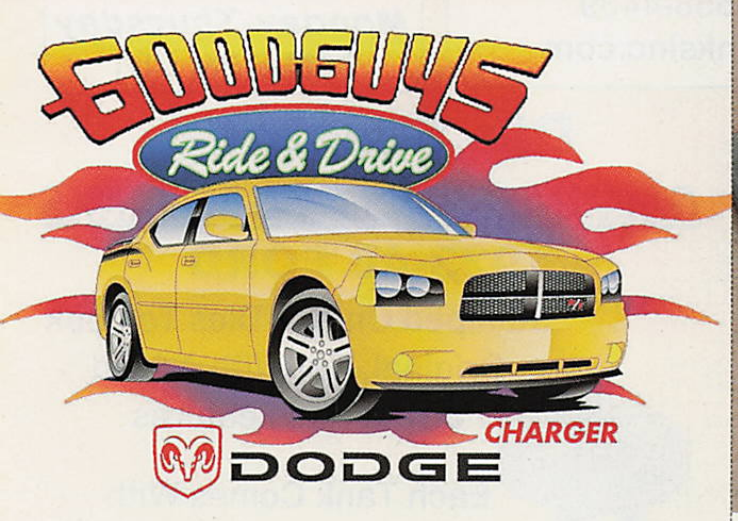

RIDE AND DRIVE WITH THE GOODGUYS | Dodge will stage the popular Ride & Drive Program at seven 2005 Goodguys Rod & Custom Association events, giving event attendees a chance to sit in and testdrive new automobiles from Dodge.

The Ride & Drive is a technique developed by Dodge to launch its new vehicles at the grassroots level. Attendees can check out a new Dodge and take a short, get-acquainted testdrive on a controlled course while at a Goodguys event.

"They can have their questions answered and talk directly with Dodge representatives who will be on hand," said Lee Farrell of Promotion Services, the company who will be coordinating the Ride & Drive campaign for Dodge.

The primary test vehicles for the Ride & Drive will be the 2006 Dodge Charger, but the Dodge Magnum and other hot Dodge products will be represented as well. The Dodge Ride & Drive program will be featured at the following 2005 Goodguys events:

- 1st Great American Rod & Custom Nationals, May 20-22, Hershey, PA
- 8th Pomona Nitro Nationals, August 5-7, Pomona, CA
- 19th Texaco/Havoline West Coast Nationals, August 26-28, Pleasanton, CA
- 13th Lonestar Nationals, September 30-October 2, Fort Worth, TX
- 12th Southeastern Nationals, October 28-30, Charlotte, NC
- 7th Fuel & Gas Finals, October 28-30, Bakersfield, CA
- 16th Autumn Get-Together, November 12 & 13, Pleasanton, CA

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DETROIT AUTORAMA PERPETUATES ITS HISTORY | Now you can own a piece of Autorama history. The Michigan Hot Rod Association and Championship Auto Shows is setting about to create a collection of *Ridler* award winners.

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Available now is the '38 Chevy–the 2002 winner owned by Wes & Bob Rydell of Grand Forks, North Dakota–and the '37 Willys–the 2004 winner owned by Al Brockley of Morris, Illinois.

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AN EVENING WITH ANDY BRIZIO | Andy Brizio, northern California's signature hot rodding icon since the early 1970s, will be roasted Saturday, August 27, during the Goodguys 19th Texaco/Havoline West Coast Nationals and everyone is invited! The "Evening with Andy" will be held at the Pleasanton Hilton and there's room for about 300 people. For $35, you'll get dinner and be able to enjoy all the evening's festivities–and if you know Andy and his buddies, the evening promises to be one to remember!

Known as "The Rodfather" for his development of the "Instant T" hot rod kit, Brizio has long been a driving force and leader in the hot rodding world. But before he gained notoriety with hot rods, Brizio served as the official flag starter at Half Moon Bay dragstrip during the 1960s. He then opened Andy's Wheel & Tire shop on Old Mission Road in South San Francisco, and in 1981, he and wife, Sue, opened "Andy's Tee Shirts" in Concord, California. Along the way, he's driven his hot rod roadsters across the country *(SRM Editor Brennan will be hanging on for one more cross country trip on the road to Indy)* more times than anyone, living up to his legendary "Rodfather" status.

The evening schedule calls for cocktails at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m., followed by the evening's festivities! To reserve your seat, please call Diane Walsh at Goodguys, (925) 218-9145, or e-mail her at dianew@good-guys.com SR

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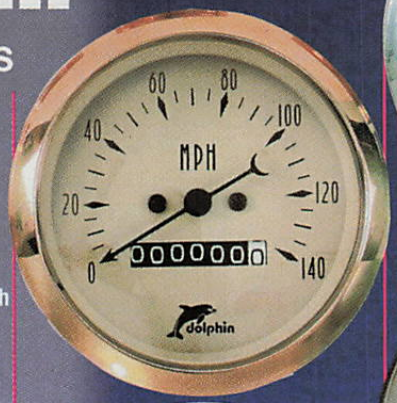

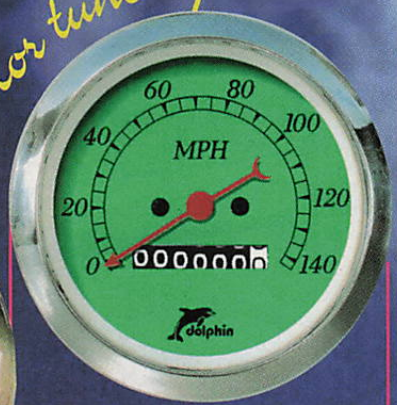

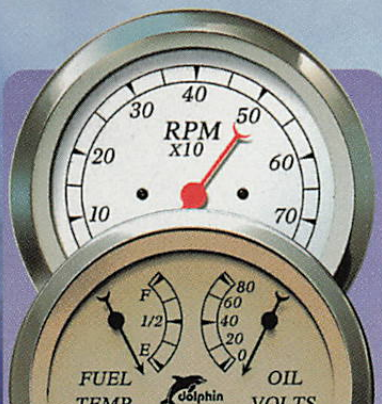

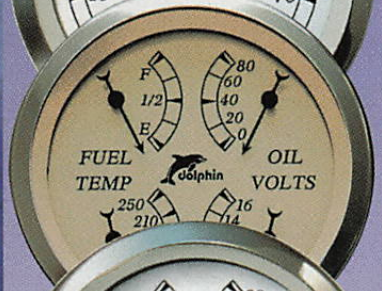

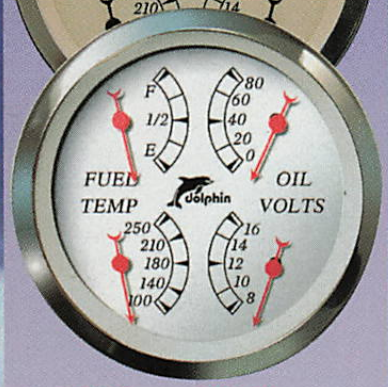

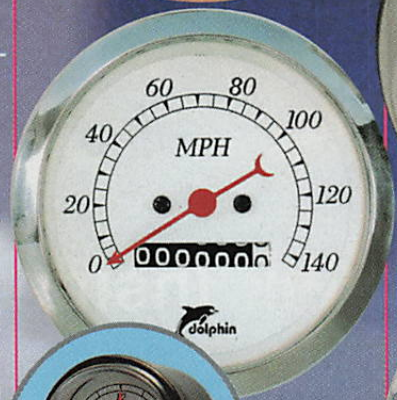

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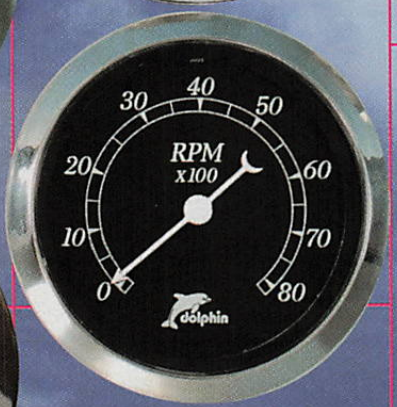

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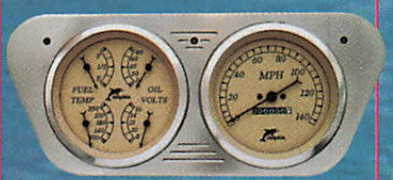

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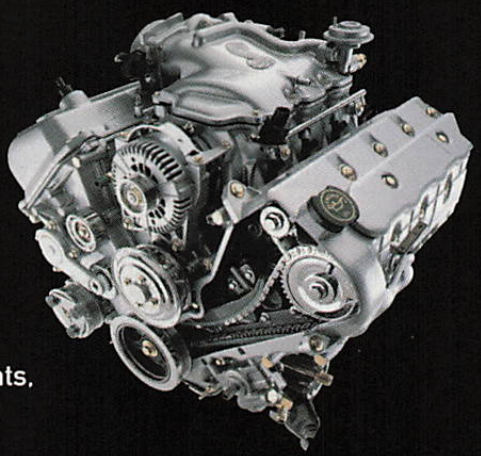

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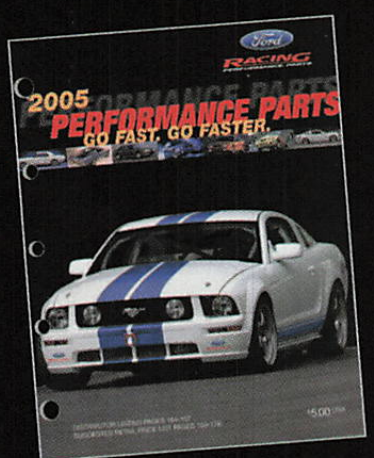

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I thought I'd share a little of my road trip from Bakersfield to Oklahoma City for the NSRA Southwestern Nationals. A total of 2,890 miles, 400,000 bugs, two blown header gaskets, one broken tailpipe hanger, one hell of a lot of fun, and a National Field Directors Pick Award made for a great weekend. Not bad for a homebuilt 1932 Ford five-window coupe.

The picture is self-explanatory.

Joe McIntyre
Via the Internet

Sometimes it just doesn't pay to be be the guy who has to clean the car!

CONGRATS TO AN ADVERTISER

I would like to comment about one of you advertisers. Namely, Sanderson Headers. I had a problem with the flanges starting to rust. I called and talked to Nyla and she couldn't have been nicer. She said to send them back and they would recoat them for nothing. I talked to Jeremy there and he assured me they would be done ASAP, and they were. Within three weeks the headers were back to me and back on my engine. These are my third set of Sanderson Headers and I'll never buy any other brand. Not only do they stand behind their product, but they don't leak.

Mario Cosentino
Johnson City, NY

I believe we would call that a home run on all fronts: satisfaction with both the advertiser and the product. Nice goin', Donna Smith (Grand Fromage of Sanderson).

BODY SLAM

Every once in a while something special happens. Ken Gross' article on Northeast slammers in the '50s drove that point home literally for me. On page 101, in the center of the left-hand photo column is a black and white, early pic of Wild Bill Neumans' roadster, and if you know Bill at all, you can reckon there's dry humor in that nickname.

We all resided in a town with Liza Minnelli (whom we did not really know well), Bill, his close friends like Chuck Sanford, Eddy Watts, Frank "the Tube" Smith, Cropsey, M. Labow, Bob Drake, and our rowdy crew of burgeoning rodders all grew up during those very times. In fact, many of us attended Wally Parks' first sanctioned 1/4-mile event at Allentown Airport, on US 22, in Allentown, Pennsylvania, in '56 together. We also frequented the Westchester Rod & Custom Show, an annual event at the Westchester County Center, or the once famous Rod & Custom Car Show in Waterbury, Connecticut, among other events, and things like bench racing in Neumanns driveway, or going to see the private plane crashed in the Duck Pond near the public library ... anyhow you get the "picture."

I see Bills' Deuce still has the ol' 59AB Flatty block and a blanket interior in it, prior to his getting the white Naugahyde interior to accent his raucous red paint job. The published photo was taken several years prior to the fateful day Bill decided to hang a "bent 8 Stovebolt" in his roadster. Soon after, he packed it up, splitting from the dirty side and going to the shaky side to work at a publication. I understand he still resides in SoCal to this day. It appears the published photo was taken in the left-side bay of Bills' parents' spacious garage in the locale I've been making reference to herein. I did not know Wild Bill was as impressed with us as we were with him. Hell, he may not even remember us, but *SRM* jogged my

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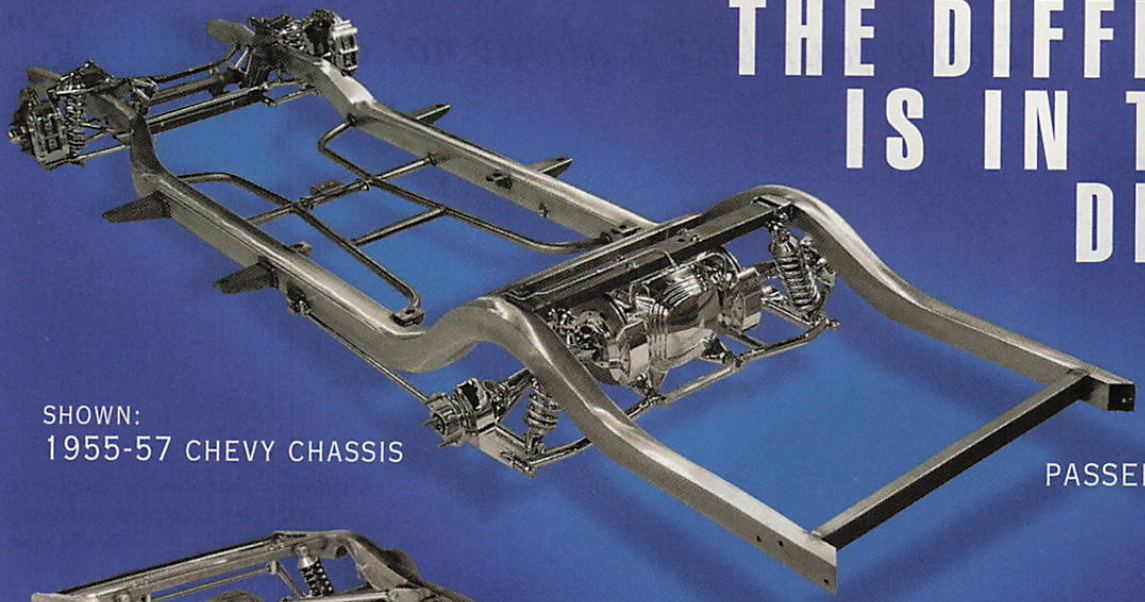

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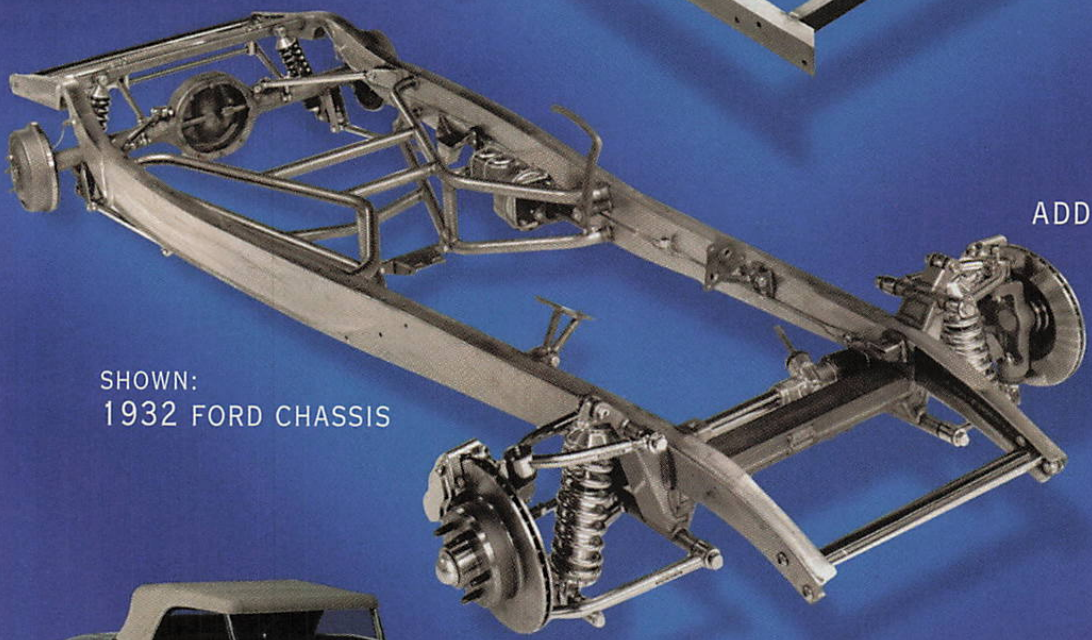

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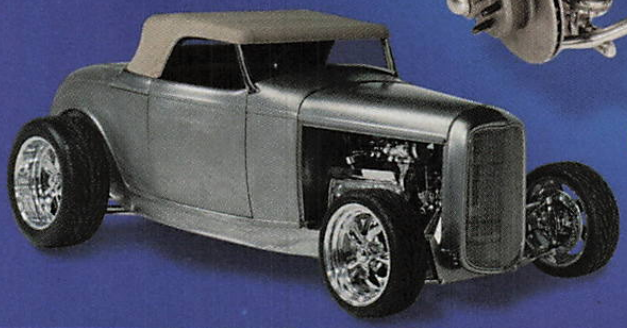

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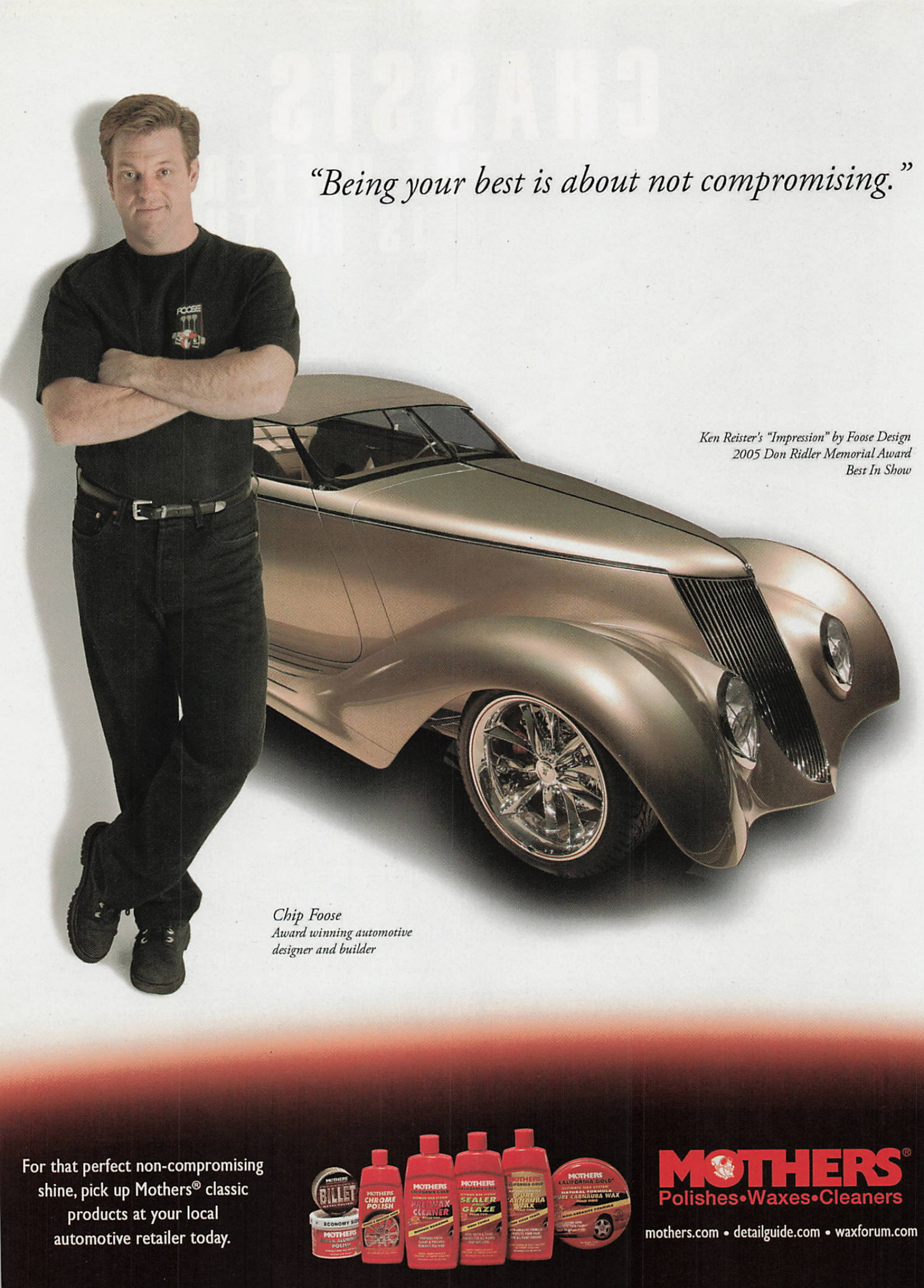
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memory big time with that tiny photo.

I'm familiar with a few and recall many of the other slammers in *SRM*'s piece, or at least names of their owners/builders and those cars. I've often wondered where they are now. My favorite uncle returned home from after a tour of duty stationed in San Diego during WWII in the USN.

Unlike all my friends' uncles, my uncles' photo collection was the birth and dawn of rodding in pix documentation of SCTA members, their cars, activities, locales, Muroc, El Mirage, etc. ... early L.A. Roadsters club photos, Barris brother, Chrisman brothers, and so forth in the early '40s. All of which he carried back to the Southern Hudson Valley region of New York State while it was still fixated on jalopies, 23 Skidoo, ah ooga horns, 'coontails, blue dots mud flaps, and lighted curb feelers plus all those venerable exhaust-powered accessories from humongous echo cans to wolf whistles, flame throwers and cut outs. He/we helped change direction quick.

My '37 flatback Tudor V-8/60 soon sported complete '48 Merc running gear and tweaked powertrain, all received by trading a V-8/60 powerplant and running gear to a 1/4 midget racer for use in his comp car. By 1950 my uncle's pristine, slightly warmed, 21 stud Flattie-powered, '36 phaeton sported a Caddy with a LaSalle three-speed, Olds rearend, and open driveline with juice brakes—an early example of Westchester style street rods.

So thanks for refreshing all those memories. BUT where's your "Survey & Question of the Month," huh? It said to come here to this site in the side accompanying "Rodder Mail" column at the bottom ... so I'm here ... ?

Thanks again, keep up your strong efforts and quality work, I know I appreciate your results. Good job guys.

P.C. Lowenstein
East Central, FL

The story "Body Slam" by Ken Gross has struck a cord with readers based upon the letters we have received—although some aren't as positive, but we will get into that later. Glad the memories were good and let's all of us keep generating those good ol' days.

A LITTLE MORE SLAM

See the two black and white photos of Paul FitzGerald's roadster in the May issue on pages 104 and 106? If anybody wants to know what happened to that car, well, it's a sad story. My *stoopid-ass* brother bought it from Paul back in '65 and drove it for a while. (He let me drive it once.) But he didn't maintain it very well, to say the least. The last time I saw it, the frontend parts and some of the engine were piled into the seat and it was covered in an inch of dust. I don't know what he did with it eventually.

That roadster has (had) an independent front suspension that either Fran Bannister or Paul Fitz fabricated in a shop somewhere in New England, a 265ci Chevy with three two-barrel carbs, red and white upholstery, and a throttle pedal mounted all the way over to the passenger side because it was channeled so low. I don't remember if it was a three-speed or four-speed transmission.

That car was featured many times in those old small-format car magazines. (www.fitzgeraldengineering.com/bowes.htm) I have since found out that Paul has re-acquired the car in pieces from someone in New Jersey. That may be the guy who got it from my brother, I don't know, but Paul's going to rebuild it.

Thomas De Lello
Miami, FL

DEUCE HATER

As I was perusing my copy of *STREET RODDER* for the month of March 2005, I happened across a "Rodder Mail" from Mike Epstein. I was almost thrown off of my chair when, in my amazement and uncontrollable delight, I saw the words, "If you have seen one Deuce, you have seen them all." I swear that I heard angels singing and bells ringing. It seemed that the sun got just a little brighter. I believe there was a rousing AMEN that thundered throughout the halls of rodderdum.

Since I am a compassionate man, I feared the judgment that the writer might receive. It is literary suicide to

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speak so disparagingly about what *SRM* considers the flagship of our hobby. With hopes that he found a safe exile, I had a spring in my step and new hope for the future. I would envision possibly opening the door a crack or peeking under the curtain of the future where *SRM* would embrace broad-minded journalism. Yes, the future looked bright in rodderville.

Alas, the May 2005 issue dashed my hopes and dreams. Across the top blazed the title *Street Rod of the Year*. I hastened to open up my copy, hardly noticing a black cookie-cutter, stamp-out '32 Ford roadster. I couldn't believe my eyes when inside was the article of that very '32 roadster. What ingenuity, what originality, what foresight, what expression. Another small-block Chevy powered '32 with a Ford 9-inch rearend. What happened to the brave new world that I was envisioning just one month before? I can only conclude that Old Henry caught someone doing something evil and is blackmailing them, or all of the judges own '32 Fords. I suppose that I, and scores of other rodders, will have to wait, dream, and hope that in the future the '32 Ford will become one of many, rather than, as you believe, many trying to duplicate one.

Dave Hoffman
Via the Internet

Damn, if this is your only complaint about STREET RODDER *in this or any other issue we can live with that. We run "so many" Deuces as a means of keeping rodders on their "toes" everywhere. Just image picking up an issue of* SRM *and not having something to moan and groan about? We consider this a victory of sorts—faint praise if you will.* SR

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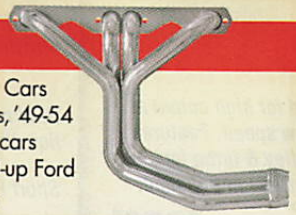

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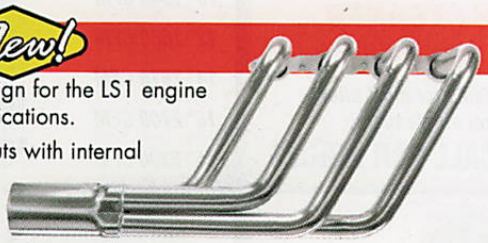

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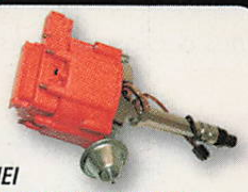

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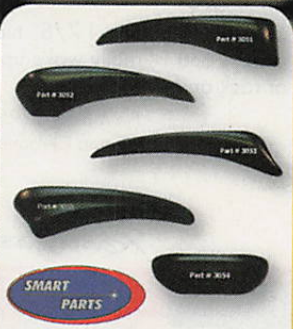

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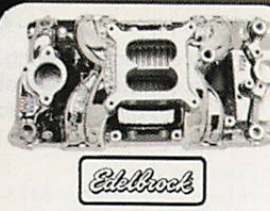

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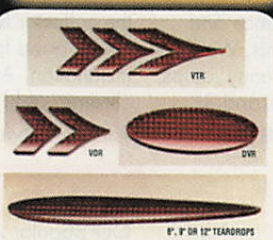

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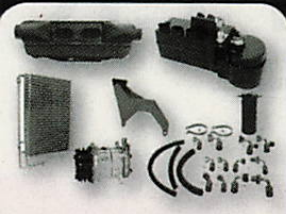

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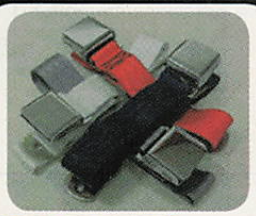

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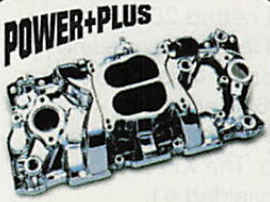

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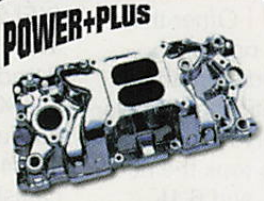

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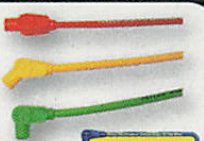

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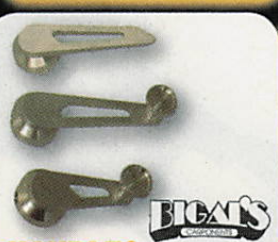

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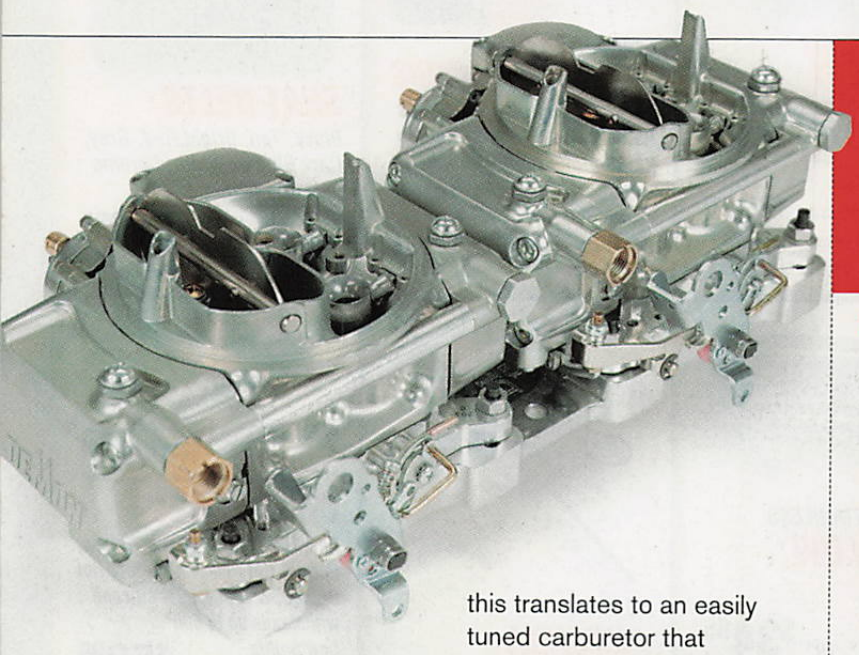

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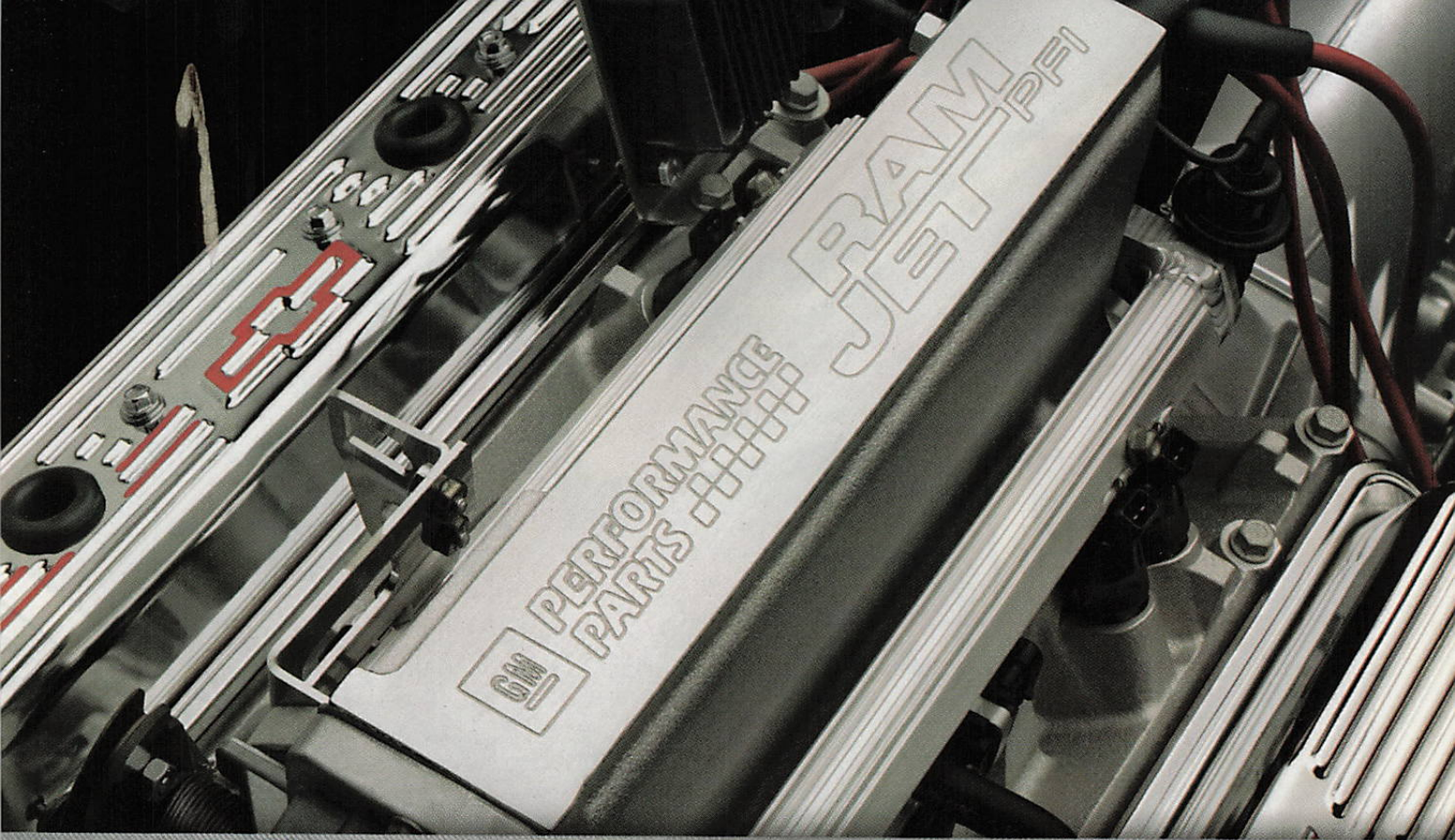

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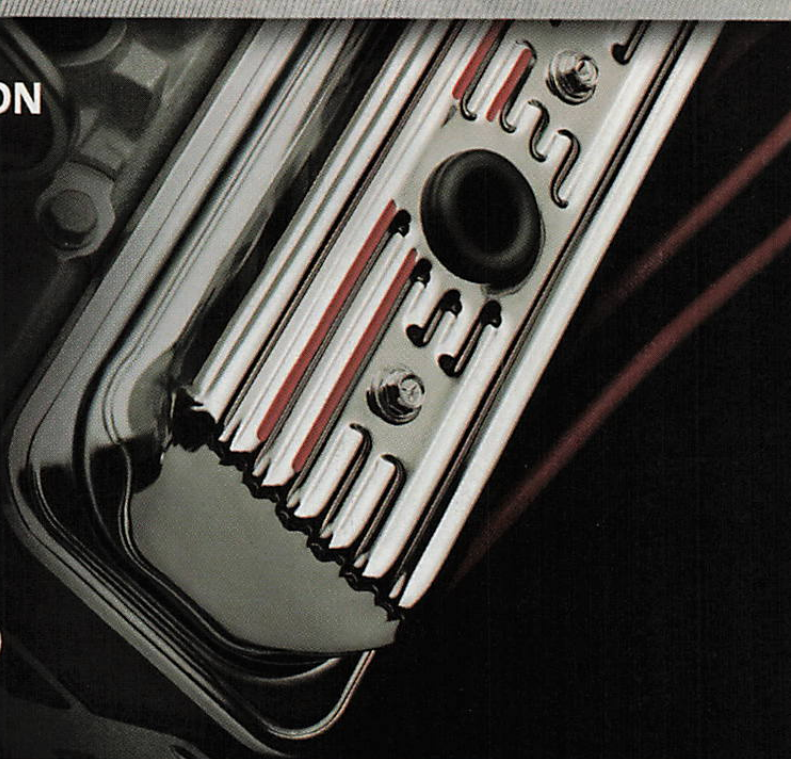

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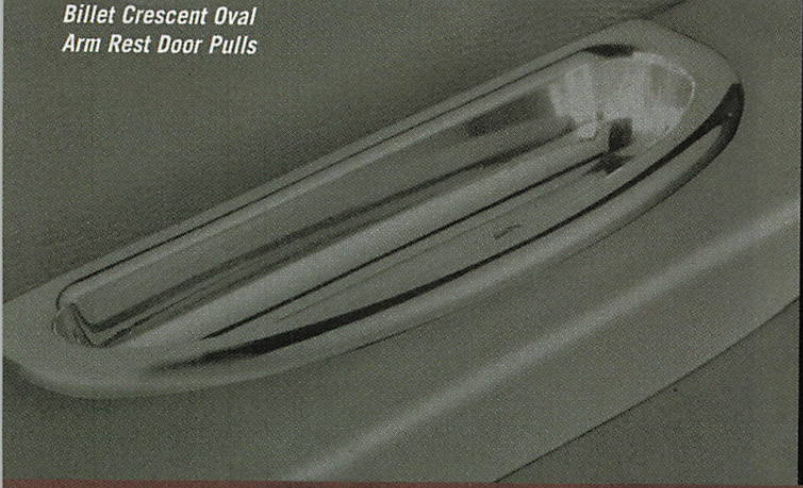

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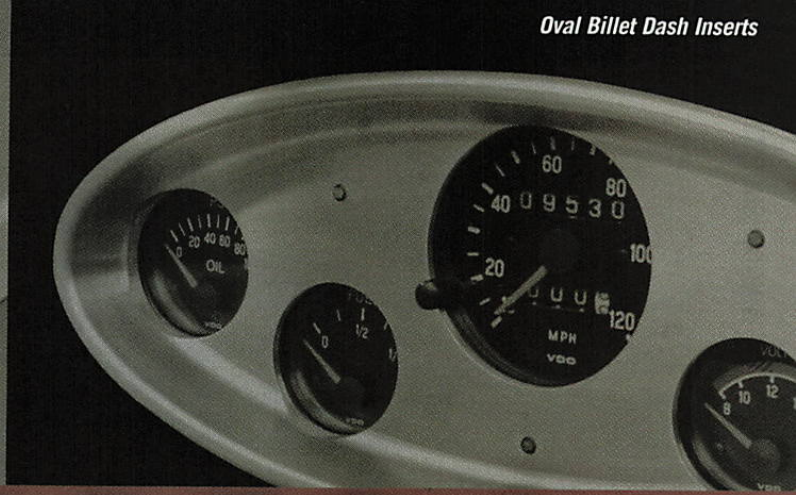

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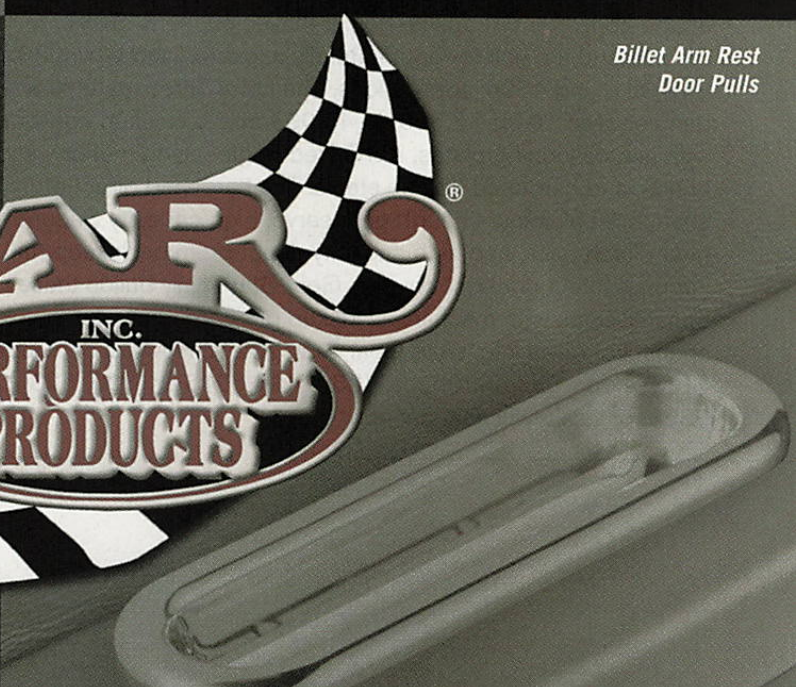

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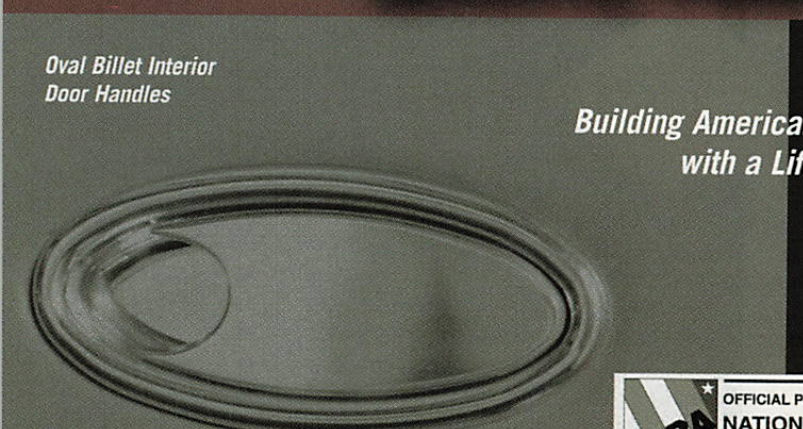

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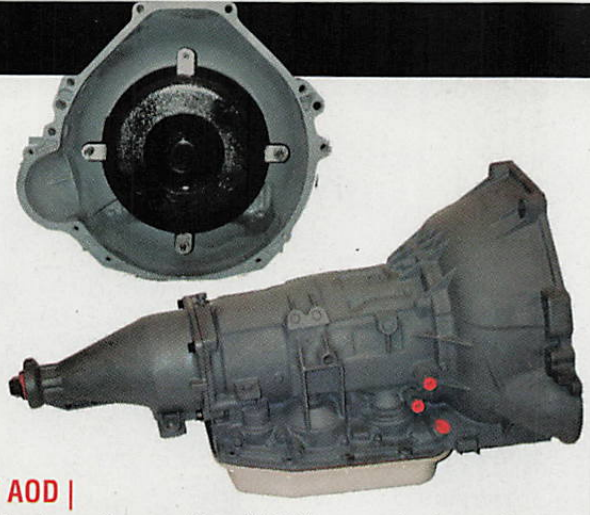

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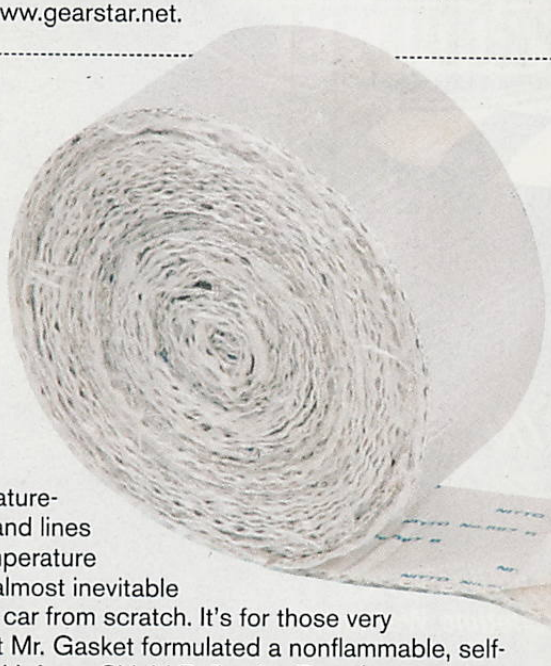

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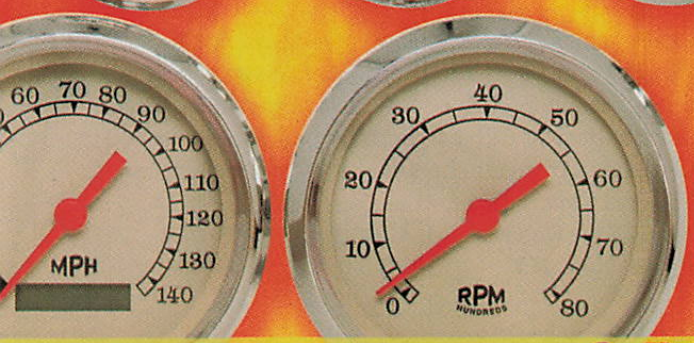

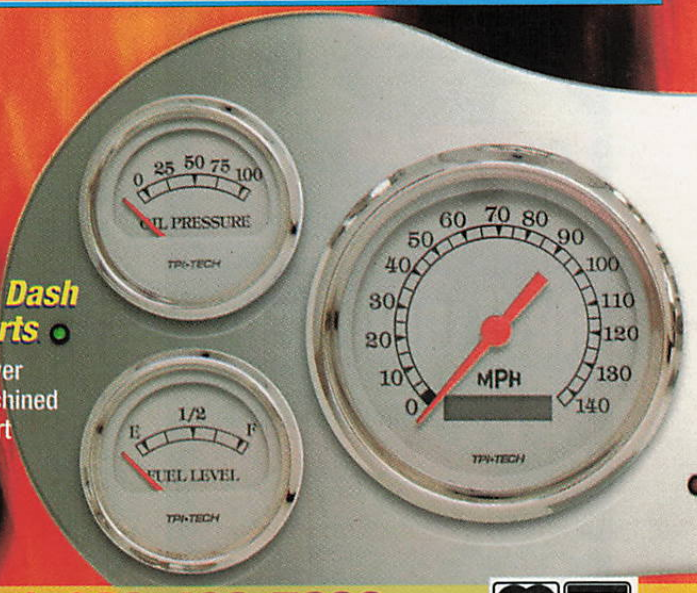

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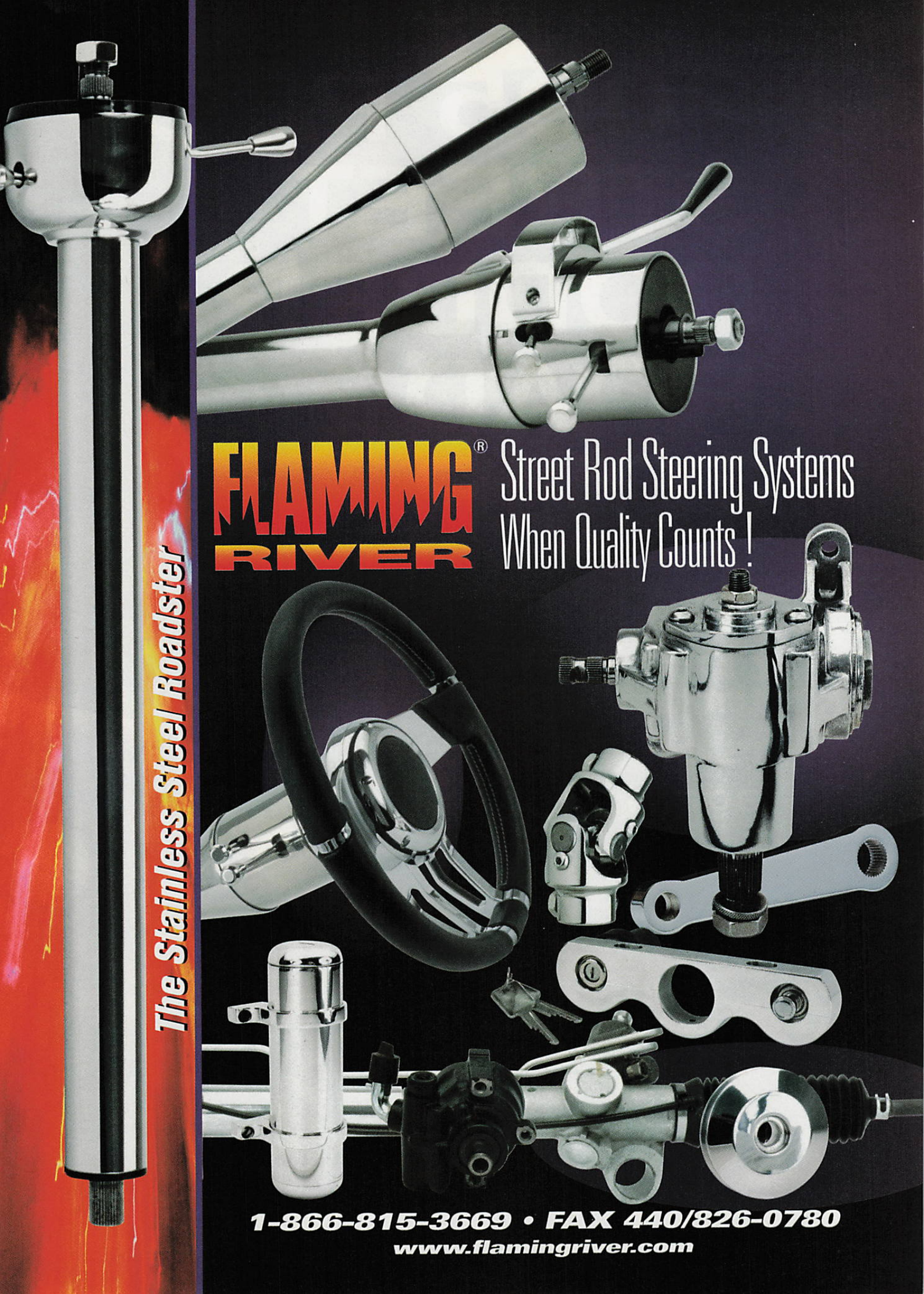
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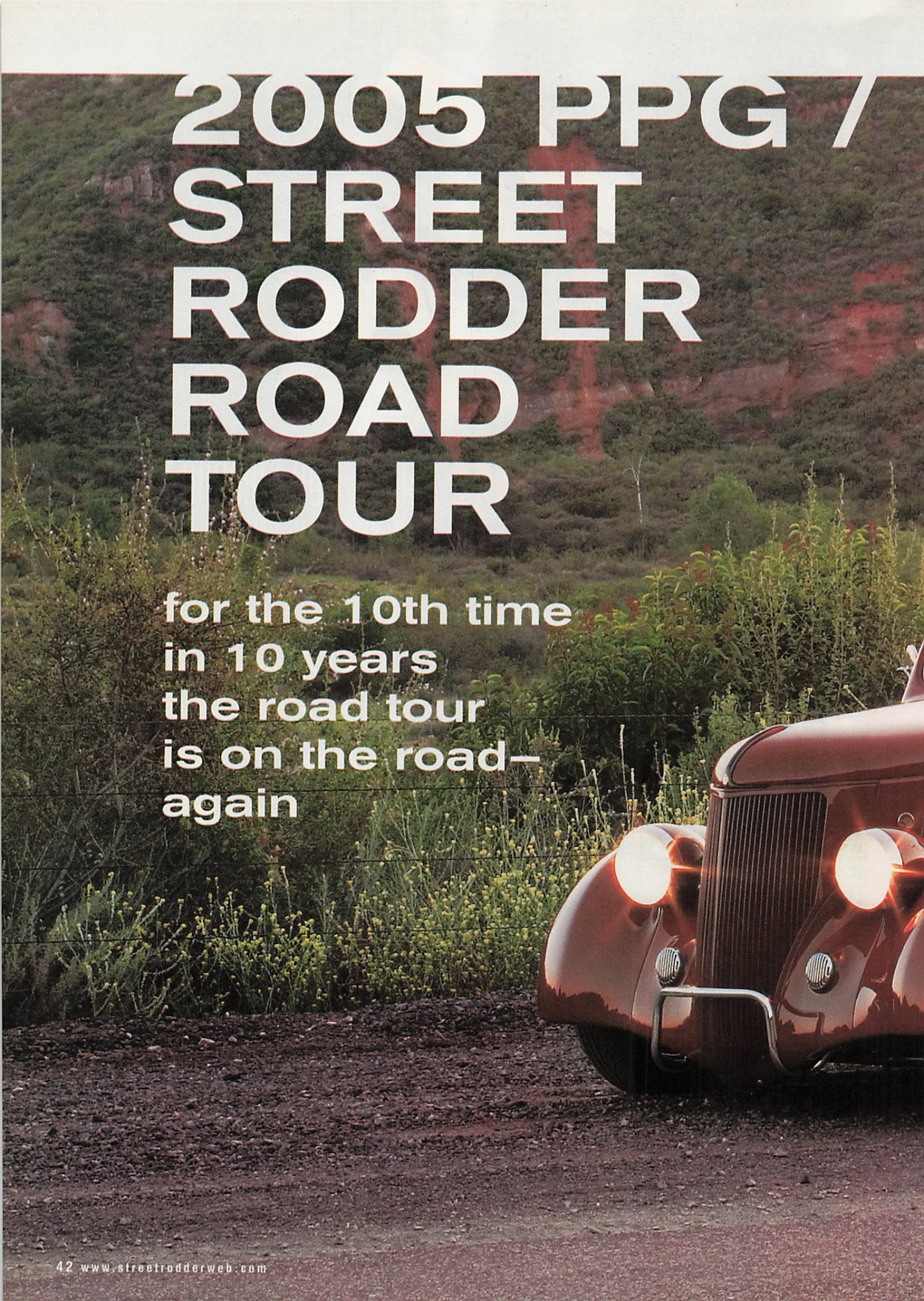

BY RYAN MANSON
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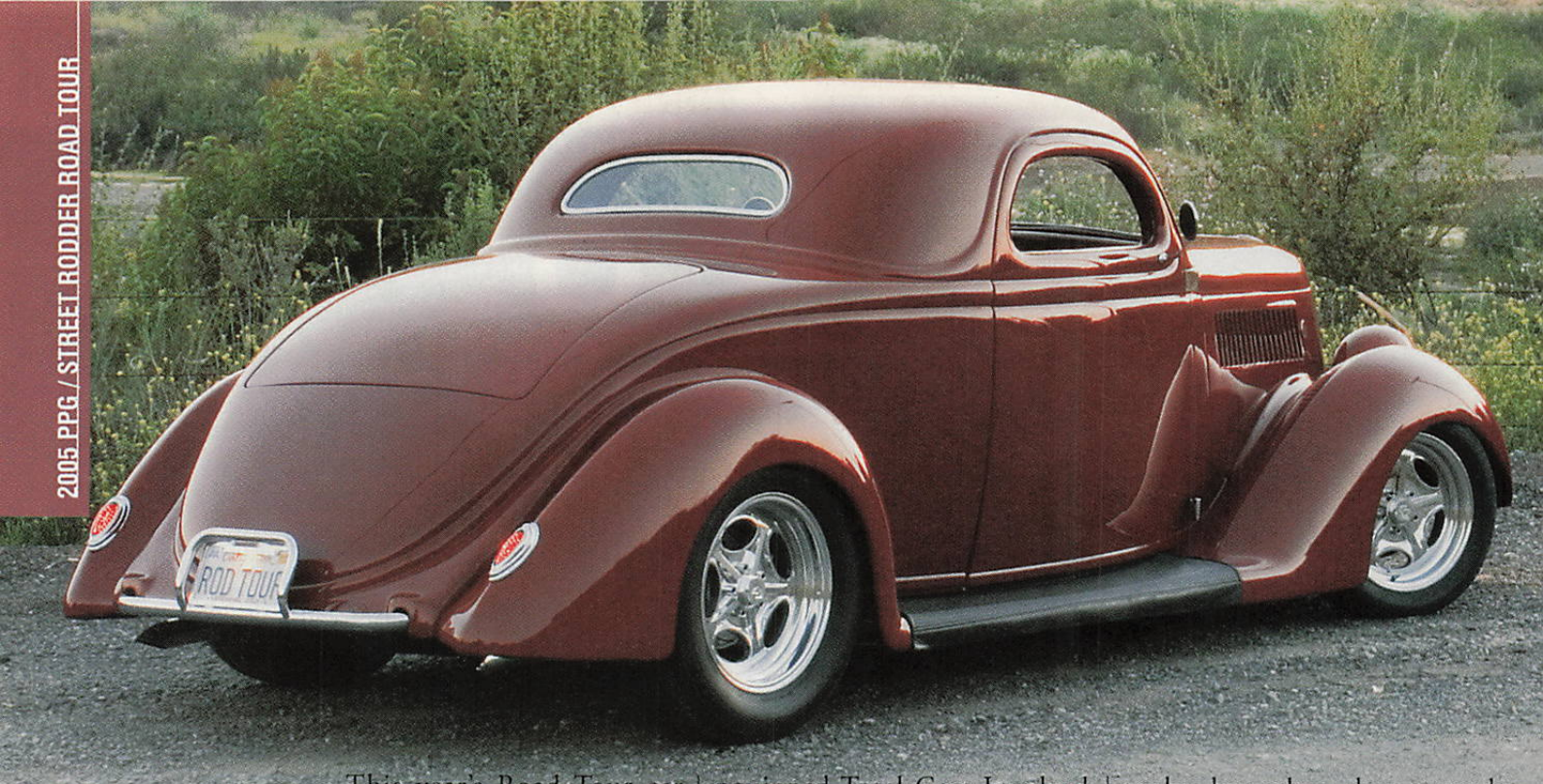
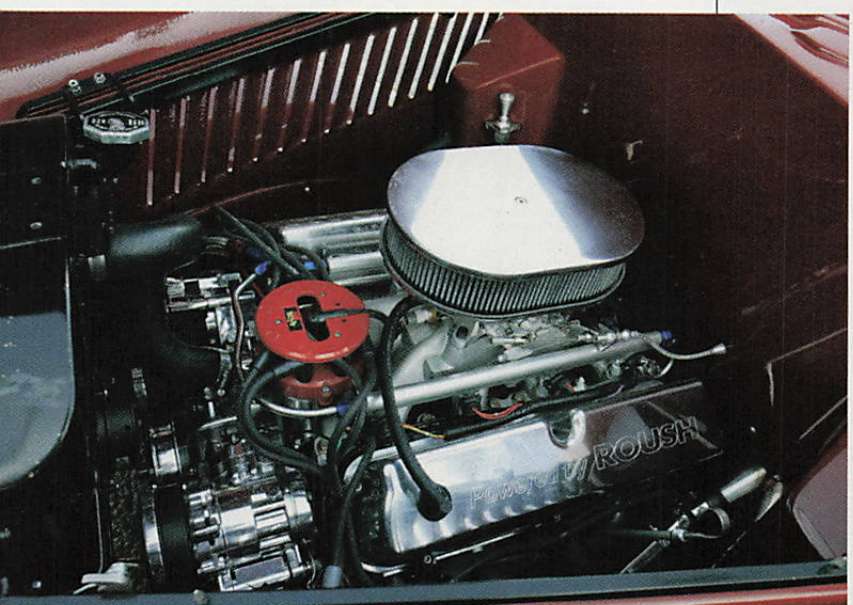
Once again, it's springtime and, while the rest of the country is gearing up for the summer car season ahead, the staff of *STREET RODDER* is breathing a sigh of relief. Albeit, only for a moment. For the past few months, the staff has been chasing down parts, running from shop to shop, and hurriedly putting words to pages for the companion books we do for the Road Tour car. Now, the fun begins. During the next year or so, the car you see before you, as in years past, will travel to National Street Rod Association events all across the wild blue yonder, clocking over 30,000 miles and making just as many envious fans. As you read this, our top pilot, Jerry Dixey, will no doubt be braving sleet, snow, hail, hurricanes, and thunderstorms to prove that street rod parts really do work!



This year's Road Tour car differs slightly from last year's version. For starters, this year's car happens to be a coupe. It's also full-fendered and slightly larger than the cars in years past. I'm sure this will make those thousands of miles traveled a little more comfortable, given what Jerry's had to brave in the past, driving open-wheeled roadsters with bop tops.



If it's going to get 25,000 miles the first year, it better make it there in one piece. Roush Racing makes motors for everything from crate engines to NASCAR so, needless to say, they know what they're doing.

We started with a fiberglass '36 Ford three-window coupe body by none other than Arizona fiberglass master J.B. Donaldson and mated it to an Air Ride Technologies-equipped Total Cost Involved chassis. This chassis utilizes Air Rides Technologies latest technology in air-spring suspensions to ensure comfortable driving heights for those long highway miles and then still be able to get the car down in the weeds for fairground cruising. Stainless Steel Brake Corporation chipped in to get the coupe to a safe stop, with disc brakes at all four corners. A set of 16- and 17-inch, polished Wheel Vintiques were bolted on, wrapped in big 'n' littles measuring 195/55R16 in front and 235/65R17 in back. As in years past, Roush Racing stepped up and provided a hi-po small-block stroker (342 inches) Ford motor topped by ACCEL DFI fuel injection. Delivering the grunt is a TCI Automotive-prepped Ford automatic trans and a Currie 9-inch rearend.

J.B. Donaldson Company has been in the fiberglass industry for years, making everything from aircraft parts to gigantic storage tanks, but when they started noticing the quality of the fiberglass street rod bodies available, they decided to step into the ring. To say the bodies they produce are phenomenal is an understatement. Once our body was out of the mold, a quick scuff job removed the flash, then the whole lot was sprayed with PPG product, cut, and polished to perfection. A minimal amount of bodywork was needed before paint because of the tight tolerances J.B. puts into his molds. This is a very important thing to think about when considering buying an aftermarket body as opposed to stock steel.

Our body fit together nicely, so once it was delivered to Hot Rods by Dean, the doors and fenders were hung and adjusted, then a hood-latch kit was installed and the body was buttoned up. The staff over at Hot Rods by Dean also wired the car with an American Auto Wire kit that ensured everything from the Dakota Digital gauges to the Vintage Air climate control worked in harmony. Once the car was together, wired, and running, it was sent over to get the Wise Guys seat and matching leather stitched up in traditional rolls 'n' pleats.

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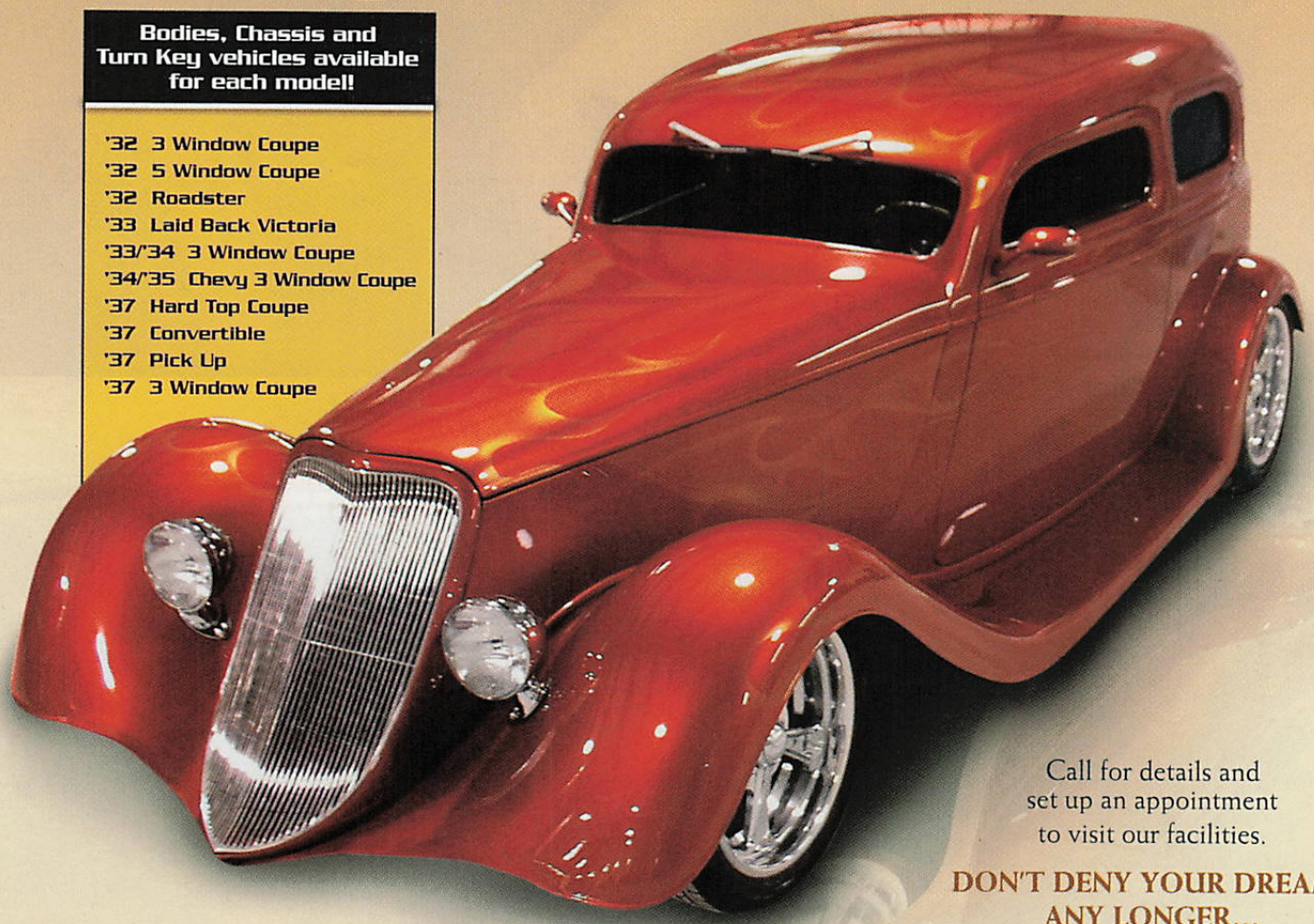

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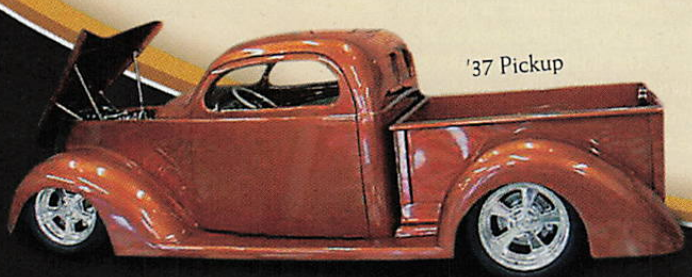

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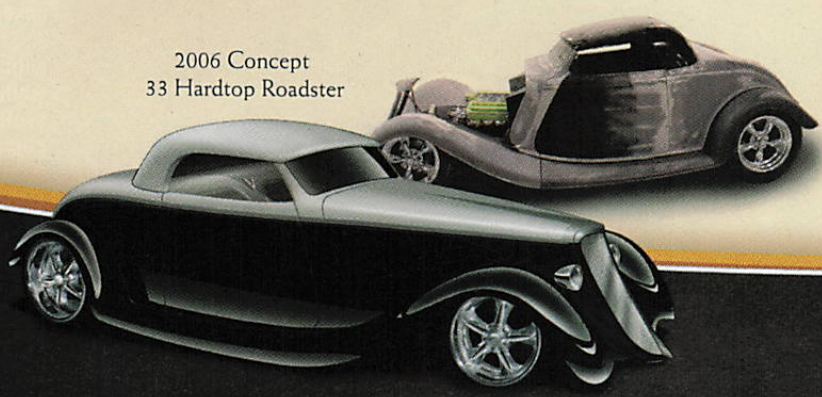

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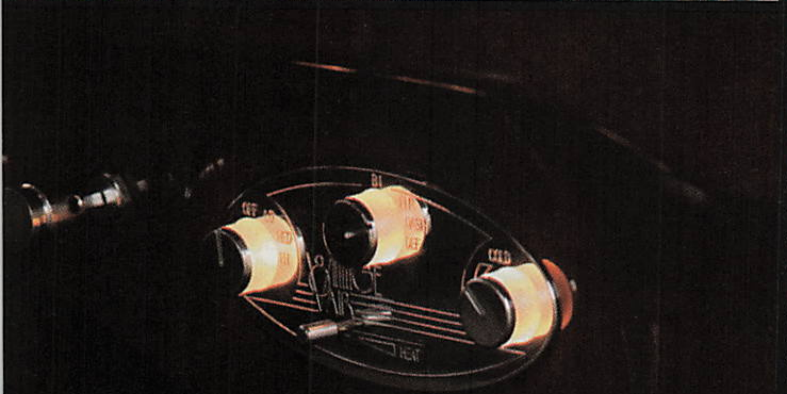

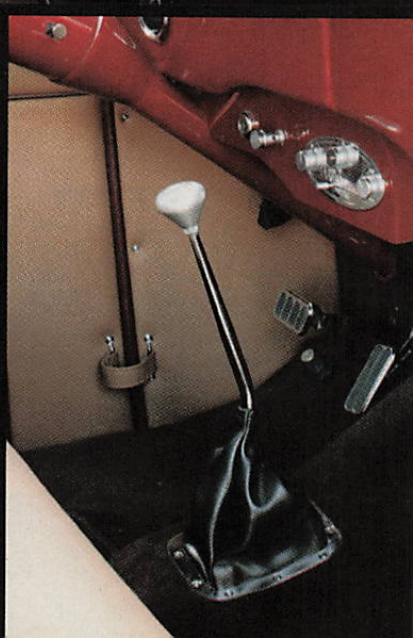

(top) Twin Dakota Digital gauges keep the car under watchful eye, flanked by the Wise Guys interior.
(above left) Traditional rolls 'n' pleats cover the Wise Guys split bench seat.
(above right) The dash is kept simple with the two Dakota Digital gauges, while a sub-dash houses the key switch, headlight switch, Vintage Air climate controls, and vents.
(left) One of the neat features of the Vintage Air controls chosen for the Road Tour car is the way the knobs illuminate.
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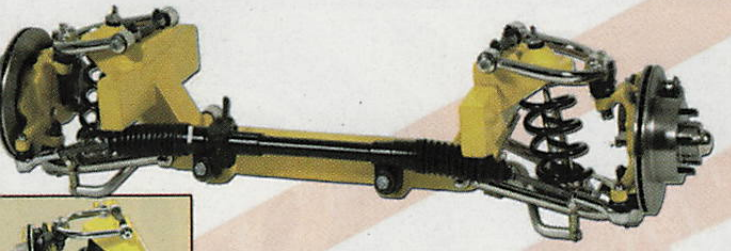

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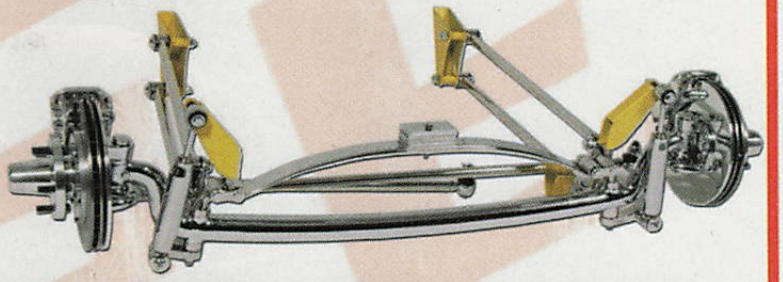

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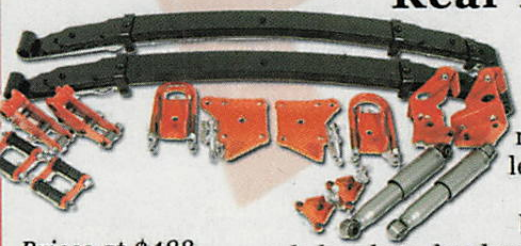

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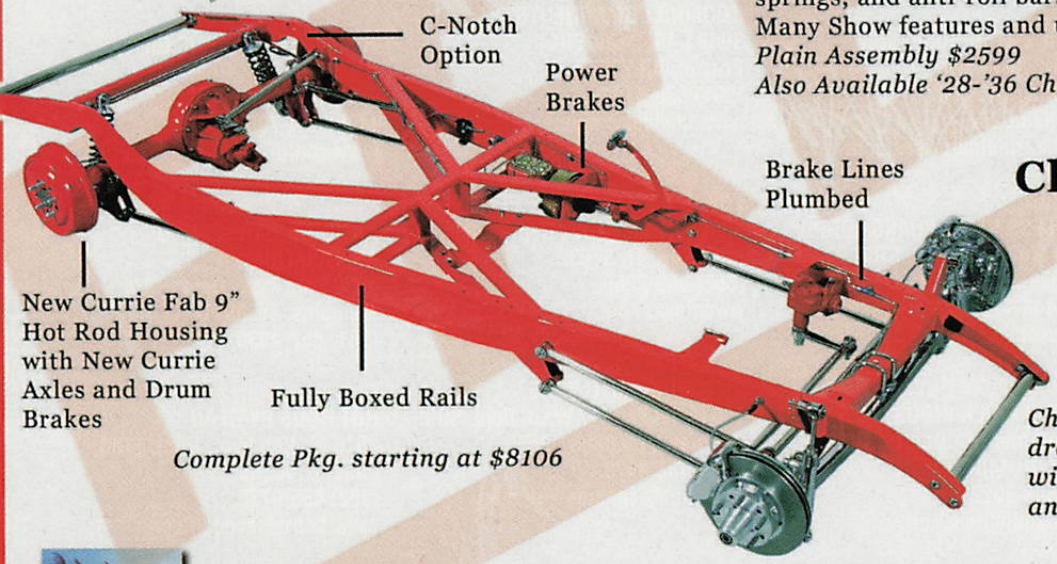
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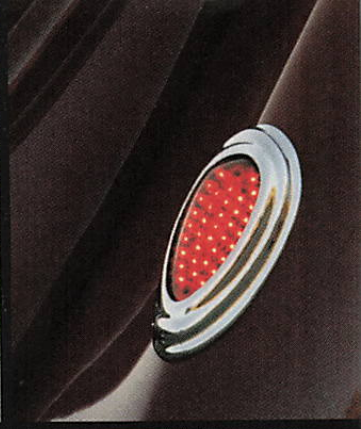

(top left) Custom-hood side panels, an illuminating nosepiece, and a one-off nerf bumper keep this '36 from blending in with the pack. *(top right)* Custom, J.B. Donaldson exclusive '39 Ford art deco-style LED taillights sit out back on each fender. *(above left)* Like the front, the rear also got a custom nerf bar that mounts the license plate and sits between '39 style taillights. *(above right)* Seventeen-inch Wheel Vintiques Mirage wheels sit at all four corners.

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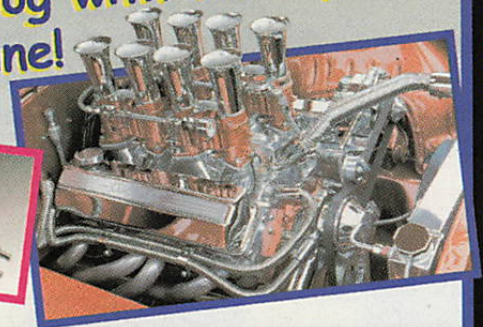

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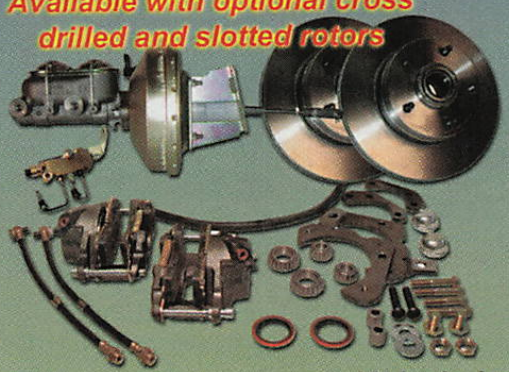

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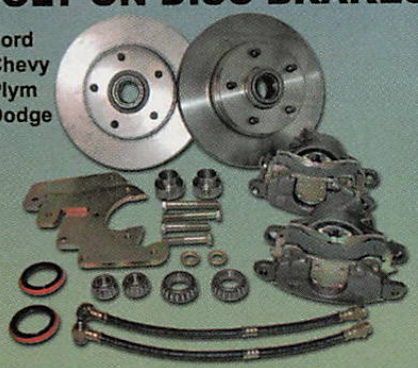

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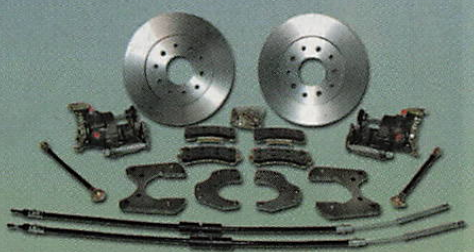

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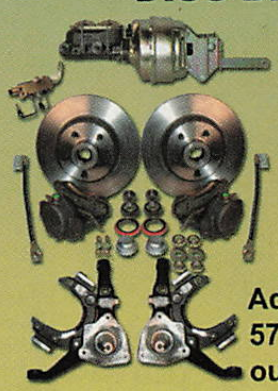

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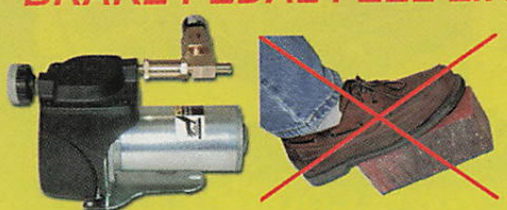

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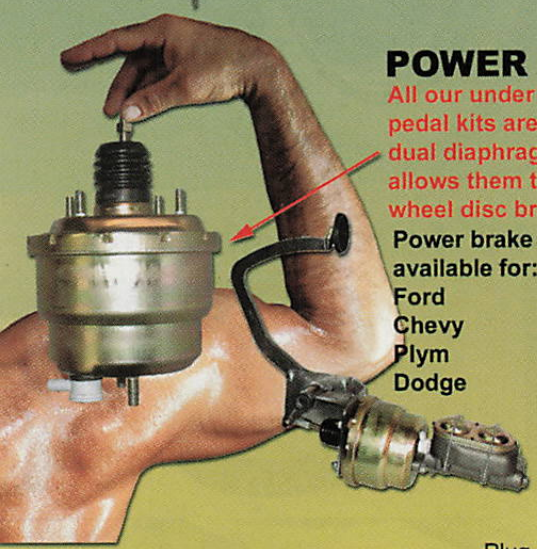

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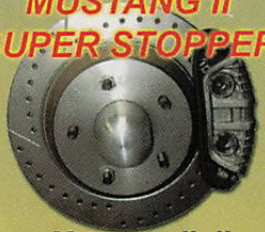

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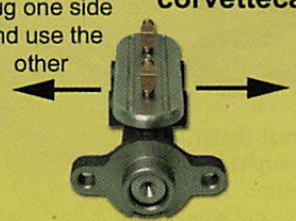

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hal and vicki smith's phantom '40 ford cabriolet

FROM ST TO GEMS

Doug Klann fabricated the dash from the '40 top and fresh metal. Doug also fabricated the 4-inch-tube cockpit border. It morphs into a shapely waterfall-inspired center console. Ogden Interiors' John Mayer designed the upholstery pattern and included gray and blue Ultrasuede material and gray wool carpet. The trim hides Ron Francis Wireworks wiring, a Vintage Air climate control system, and a Delco/Jensen audio system.

ONES

BY CHRIS SHELTON

I'm pretty sure that after a while Michelangelo never saw a plain ol' rock. Sure he encountered plenty of what we'd call stones along the way, but to him I'd wager that those rocks represented anything but inanimate objects. After all, here's someone that found faces, hands, feet—even highly animated forms like wings—in ordinary cast-off stone.

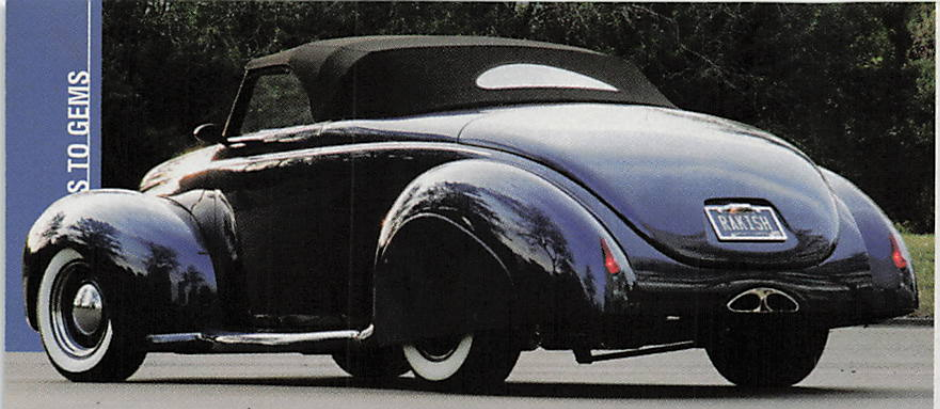
Hal Smith lucked into quite a stone in 1979: a '40 Ford coupe whose owner needed dough ... fast. And when we say stone, we mean it: Rust all but ate up the floors. Somewhere along the line someone tap danced on the roof. The chewed-up decklid and caved quarter-panel didn't exactly instill great confidence either. However, "I got a vision in my head of what I wanted to do with the car," Hal says. On the other hand, "I lacked the metalworking skills and money to pull it off."

Fast-forward a few years. Hal and his gal Vicki found themselves in a financially solvent place. About the same time they discovered Slim's Body Works' Doug Klann. The meeting was fortuitous: Doug's one of those artistic types who saw shapes hiding in the '40's battered metal. Hal and Doug kicked off the project with a Total Cost Involved chassis and new floors.

"I wanted to create the nicest looking '40 Ford, but I didn't want to stray from the original look of the car," Hal says. "I wanted the exterior styling to look like it could've been done in 1940." But just because Hal's rooted in the car's intrinsic design doesn't mean he intended to keep its stock form, adding, "I think that just about any '30s or '40s car can benefit from sectioning if not overdone."

Armed with that, Doug took a slice out of the body's entire perimeter and stitched the car back together some 2 1/2 inches thinner, giving the car a sleeker, longer profile more akin to a Lincoln of the era. The sectioning created a small side effect: The once-elegant crowned nose now looked beak-like in comparison to the sleek body. Doug redressed the bulbous profile by pie-cutting the hood to complement the body's new shape.

With the body sectioned and the hood pie-cut, the top started looking a little ungainly. The solution: Make it a cabriolet.



However, "In my opinion, the two biggest design flaws of the '40 convertible were the big bulky top and the divided windshield," Hal says. Doug addressed the windshield flaw with a fabricated frame and V-butted glass, but he treated the windshield to a rather unorthodox modification: He canted it back instead of chopping it, thereby giving the car a coachbuilt flavor in lieu of a custom look.

Coupe doors aren't exactly the sleekest looking things so Doug replaced them with longer two-door sedan pieces to visually draw the car out a little more. He then rolled fresh door tops and garnish moldings, and fabricated a rear cockpit perimeter out of 4-inch tubing that cascades down between the seats. Finally he spanned the gap between the new tubing and the rear deck with fresh sheetmetal.

Doug carried the custom theme through the running boards via Hal's input. He also fabricated a stylized exhaust outlet that mimics a '40 rear window. Running the exhaust down the rear of the middle car forced Doug to relocate the Tanks fuel tank behind the passenger compartment.

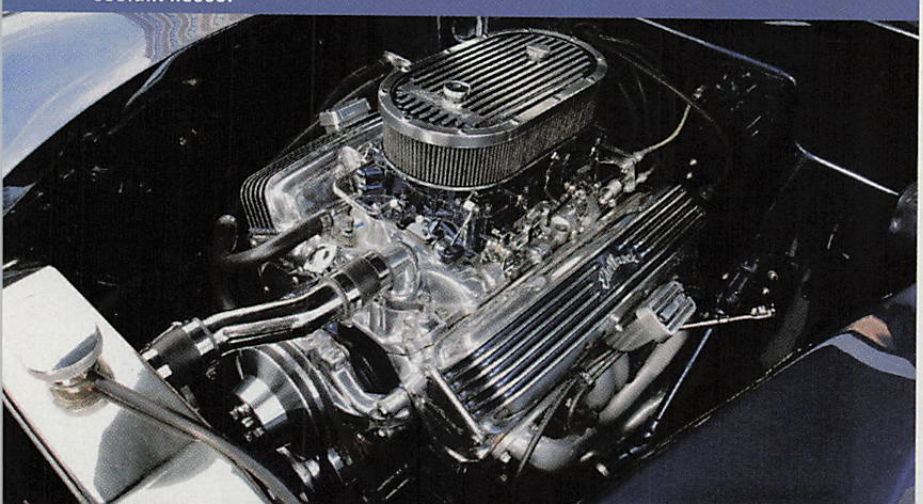
Up front Doug incorporated a set of '39 headlight rings into the fenders and modified a set of headlight buckets for lamp access. Dan Armstrong finalized the finish with Glasurit's Mica Blue Pearl, a '98 Lexus color.

Ogden Interior's John Mayer stitched up the Ultrasuede material for the cabin, including the waterfall center console, in a distinctive gray and blue combination. Charlevoix, Michigan's Time Machines finished the drop-top conversion with folding top irons clad in Stayfast canvas top material.

Hal tied the rear window and exhaust outlet shapes together with a set of Vision Hot Rod Concepts mirrors. He then sealed the car in a historic era with a set of BFGoodrich Silvertown radial wide whites. While this car's body treatment and whitewall tires speak of coachbuilt sensibilities, it has a smidgen of hot rod in it: a dual quad-topped small-block Chevrolet.

Once the 2 1/2 years of dust settled, Hal's stone-like '40 revealed a few new dark sapphire-blue facets. The result is a highly stylized creation that reflects its owner's mind's eye. Best of all, "*it's a driver*," Hal says. SR

The engine started life as a '87-vintage 350, yet it's anything but the docile creature it once was. It features Edelbrock heads, a COMP camshaft, and an Edelbrock two-four induction system. The engine room features a number of sharp items including the German silver Brassworks radiator and all Doug Klann-fabricated stainless coolant hoses.



FACTS & FIGURES

Hal Smith
Freeland, Michigan
1940 Ford phantom cabriolet

CHASSIS

Frame / Manufacturer	Total Cost Involved (Ontario, CA)
Wheelbase	112" (stock)
Chassis plumbing	stainless
Rearend / Ratio	Ford 9" / 3.50:1; limited slip
Rear suspension	parallel four-link, Panhard bar, All American coilovers
Rear brakes	Ford 11" drum
Front suspension	Total Cost Involved Mustang II-style, All American coilovers, anti-roll bar
Front brakes	11" disc
Master cylinder	Ford dual-circuit w/ Midland Ross booster
Steering box	Mustang II-style r&p
Steering Column	ididit (Tecumseh, MI)
Front wheel make, size	Wheel Vintiques (Fresno, CA) Smoothie, 15x6
Rear wheel make, size	Wheel Vintiques Smoothie, 15x8
Front tire make, size	BFGoodrich Silvertown, Coker Tire (Chattanooga, TN), 195/70R-15
Rear tire make, size	BFGoodrich Silvertown, 215/70R-15
Gas tank	Tanks Inc. (Clearwater, MN); steel

ENGINE

Make	1987 Chevrolet
Displacement	383ci
Assembly	Gene Brewer (Frankenmuth, MI)
Crankshaft	3.75" stroke
Pistons	hypereutectic 4.060" bore; 9:1 compression
Camshaft	COMP Cams Xtreme Energy (Memphis, TN) XE268H-10
Water pump	Weiand (Bowling Green, KY) aluminum
Cooling fan	SPAL electric (Des Moines, IA)
Radiator	Brassworks (San Luis Obispo, CA)
Alternator	AC Delco
Accessory brackets	Alan Grove (Louisburg, KS)
Heads	Edelbrock Performer (Torrance, CA)
Valves / Springs	COMP Cams
Rockers	COMP Cams roller
Valve covers	Edelbrock
Manifold / Induction	Edelbrock dual-quad / 500-cfm
Ignition / Wires	MSD (El Paso, TX) / Accel (Cleveland, OH)
Headers	Sanderson block-hugger
Exhaust / Mufflers	2 1/2" by Doug Klann / Flowmaster 50-series
Other engine facts	all aluminum polished; carburetors painted; chromed linkage; stainless coolant pipes

TRANSMISSION

Year and make	GM TH700R-4
Assembly	Phil's Transmission (Flint, MI)
Shifter	Lokar Inc. (Knoxville, TN)
Driveshaft	Coleman Racing Products (Menominee, MI)

BODY

Body style / Material	cabriolet / steel
Body manufacturer	Ford
Body mods	sectioned 2 1/2"; B-pillar relocated rearward 8"; two-door sedan doors; pie-cut hood; re-contoured running boards; fabricated windshield laid back 45 degrees from stock; fabricated rear deck; exhaust system tunneled through body
Top	folding mechanism by Time Machines (Charlevoix, MI)
Bodywork	body modifications by Slim's Body Works (Freeland, MI); finish work by Doug Klann
Paint type / Color	Glasurit / Lexus mica blue pearl
Painter	Dan Armstrong
Headlights / Taillights	'39 Ford / '39 Hudson
Outside mirror	Vision Hot Rod Concepts (Kitchener, Ontario, Canada)
Other body items	Trans Auto Glass (Saginaw, MI); Custom Chrome (Grafton, OH)

INTERIOR

Dashboard	'40 Ford, custom
Insert / Gauges	custom, Slim's Body Works / VDO
Audio	AC Delco head unit; Jensen component sets in rear
Air conditioning	Vintage Air
Wiring	Ron Francis (Chester, PA)
Steering wheel	Budnik Wheels (Huntington Beach, CA)
Seats	Glide Engineering (Cucamonga, CA)
Upholsterer	John Mayer, Ogden Top and Trim (Berwyn, IL)
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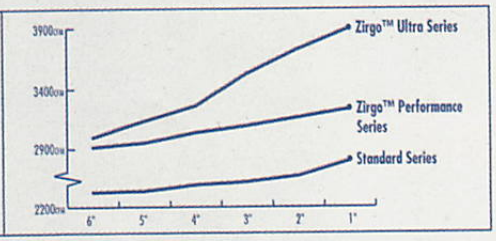

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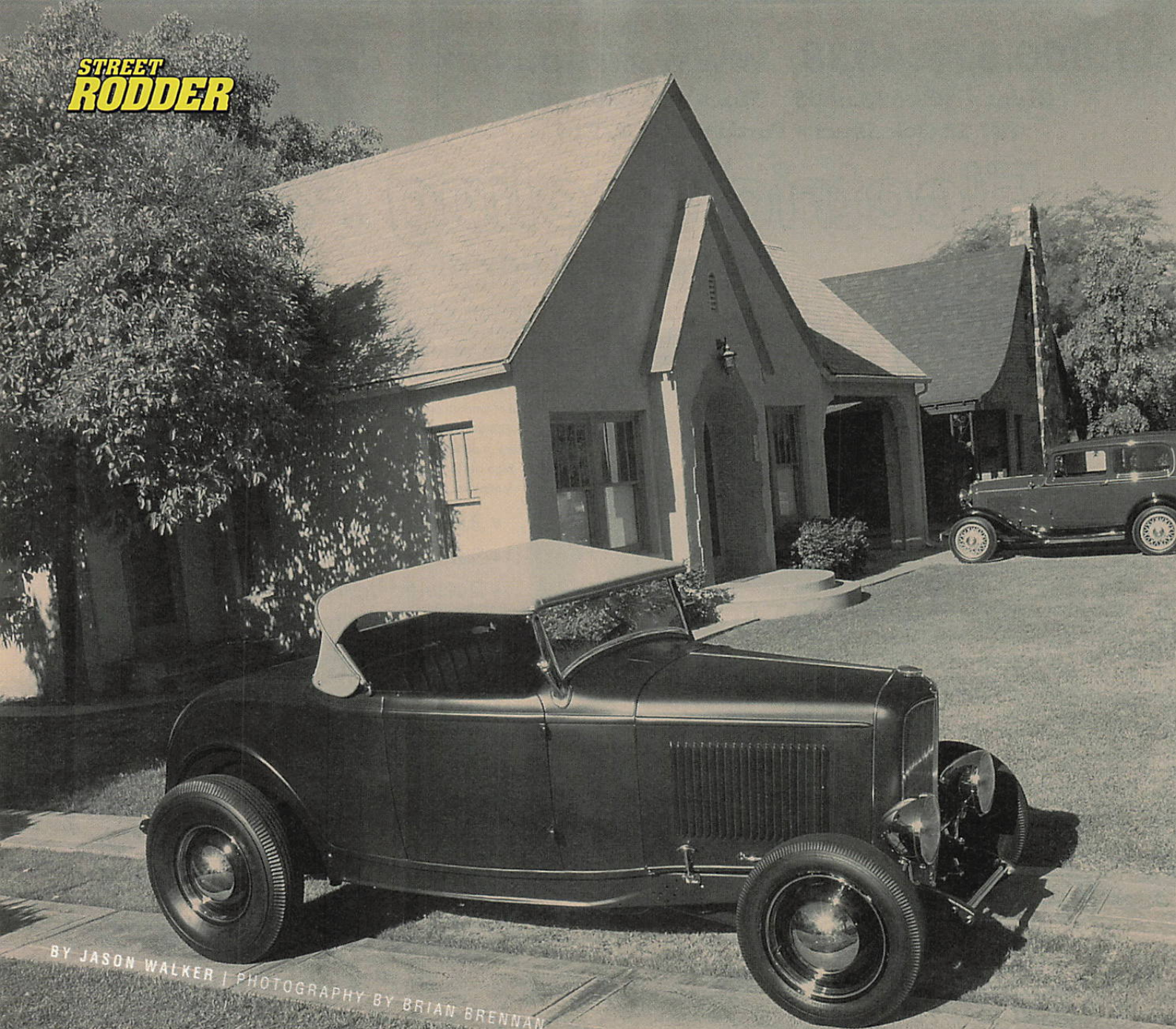

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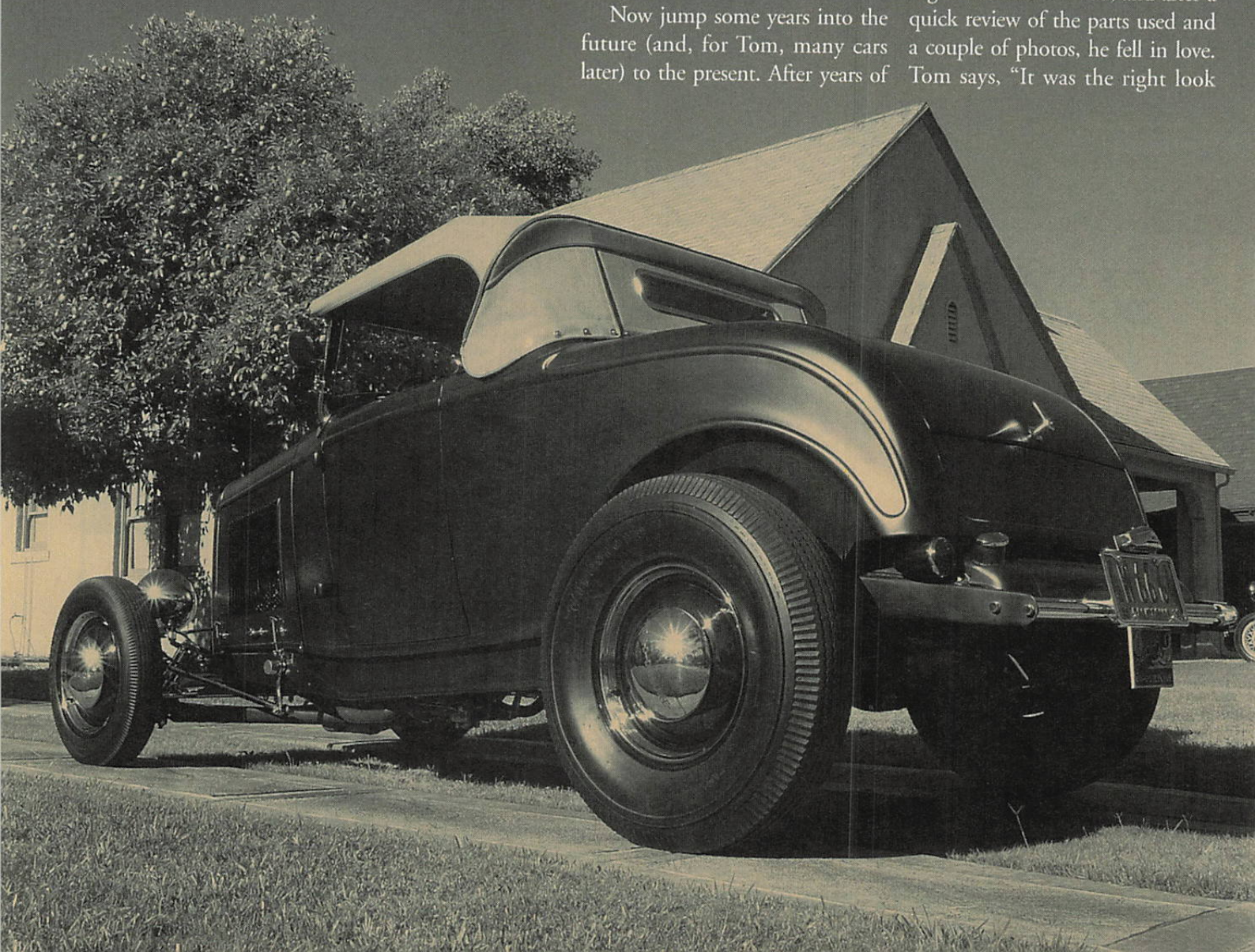
We all know that old adage stating that "beauty is in the eye of the beholder," and for all intents and purposes in our car hobby world, that adage is very true. But for all of us hot rod nuts, there are a few more aspects that also hold weight when simply looking at a car and deciding its level of beauty. Style, for instance, is another big factor that can make even a car that some of us think is awkward or just plain ugly turn into a thing of beauty.

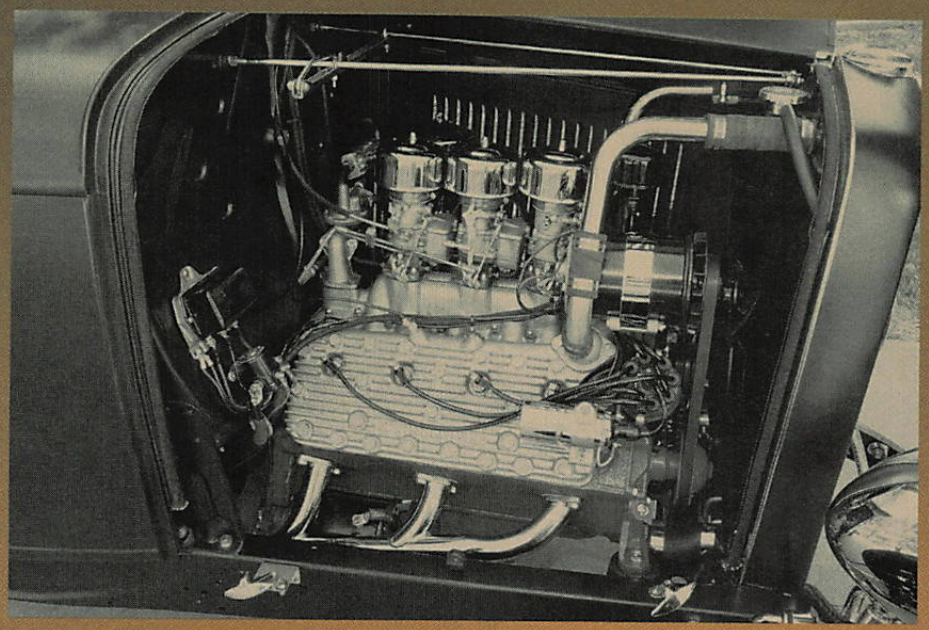
Know we are in no way implying that anyone out there could possibly not like Ford's 1932 roadster, but we're sure one or two hot rodders somewhere out there fall into the category of non-Ford types. That is until they lay their eyes on a traditional beauty like the one on this page owned by Tom Tait of Phoenix, Arizona. Not only does Tom's traditional example of hot rodding's early days look as right as any built before it, this roadster is undeniably beautiful—not because it is a '32 Ford, but it's more the collective parts and how they were used, or not used, that make it so pleasing to the eye.

A while back, Tom found himself dreaming of his youth and all the cool cars from that time. Back when Tom was at the ripe old age of 14, he and a neighbor tried their hands at hot rodding by cutting up a '39 Ford phaeton (ouch!) to make way for a scratch-built fiberglass sports car body. Tom and his buddy ran the car in raw fiberglass for over a year, despite the hecklers calling it a potato chip, among other choice words. Not long after that experience, Tom was able to build his first '32, which to Tom, and many of us, was the ultimate hot rod.

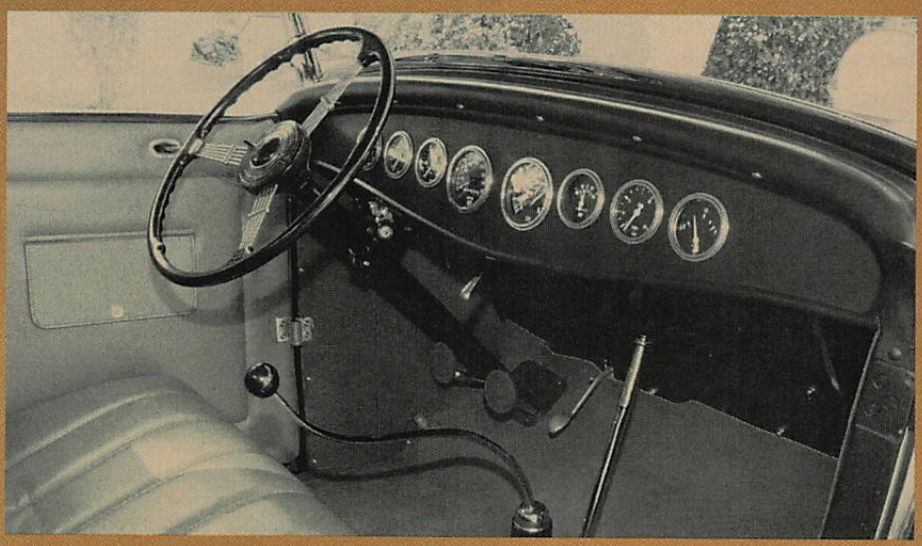
Now jump some years into the future (and, for Tom, many cars later) to the present. After years of smart successes in the real estate game, Tom could once again revisit his youth, or more specifically, that first '32 he owned in high school, to build the roadster of his dreams. What we find so cool about this is the fact that Tom easily has the means to build the ultimate in modern technology, yet opted to use his years of experience to put together a truly historical and beautiful '32 roadster with not one part newer than 1951. OK, so the seatbelts and body from the cowl back are new replicas, but by and large, the car you see here could have been rolled right out of a climate-controlled barn where it had sat for the past 50-plus years.

This all started about a year ago when Tom purchased the '32 (Brookville Roadsters body) sight unseen from car builder Bill Combs of Lexington, Kentucky. Tom knew of Bill's ability to put together a fine hot rod, and after a quick review of the parts used and a couple of photos, he fell in love. Tom says, "It was the right look

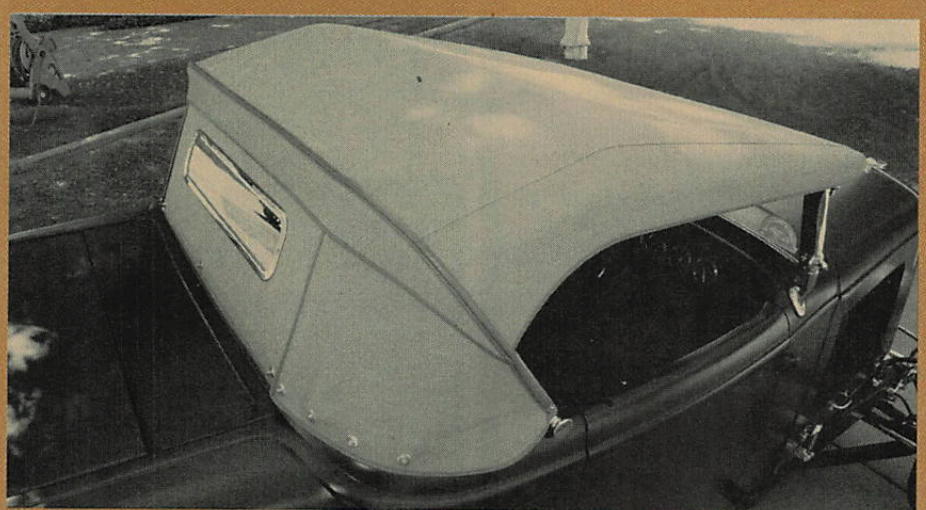




What '32 roadster built in the early tradition would be complete without a hopped-up Flattie? Tom Tait's '32 is powered by this '49 Ford 8BA 260ci engine that has been balanced and blueprinted then filled with nothing but the best in early speed parts. As nice as this engine looks, you really need to hear it run to appreciate the kind of talent that went into putting this old-timer together.

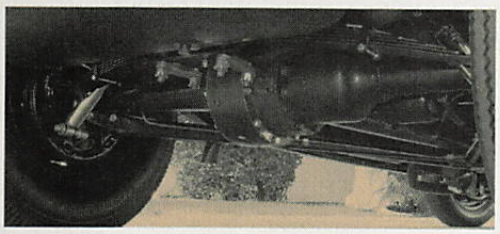


The interior of Tom Tait's roadster is as utilitarian as it is clean and neat. There's nothing mounted in the dash that doesn't need to be there, in fact the only parts mounted to the dash are the eight period-perfect black-faced gauges. Accompanying the clean dash is a perfect '36 Ford banjo steering wheel with '32 Ford column, original pedals, and the ultimate in hot rod luxury—a reproduction rubber floor mat.



Topping the roadster off nicely is this 2-inch-cut-down roadster top from LeBaron Bonney. The factory looking top helps further the illusion that we are looking at a photo taken prior to the 1950s.

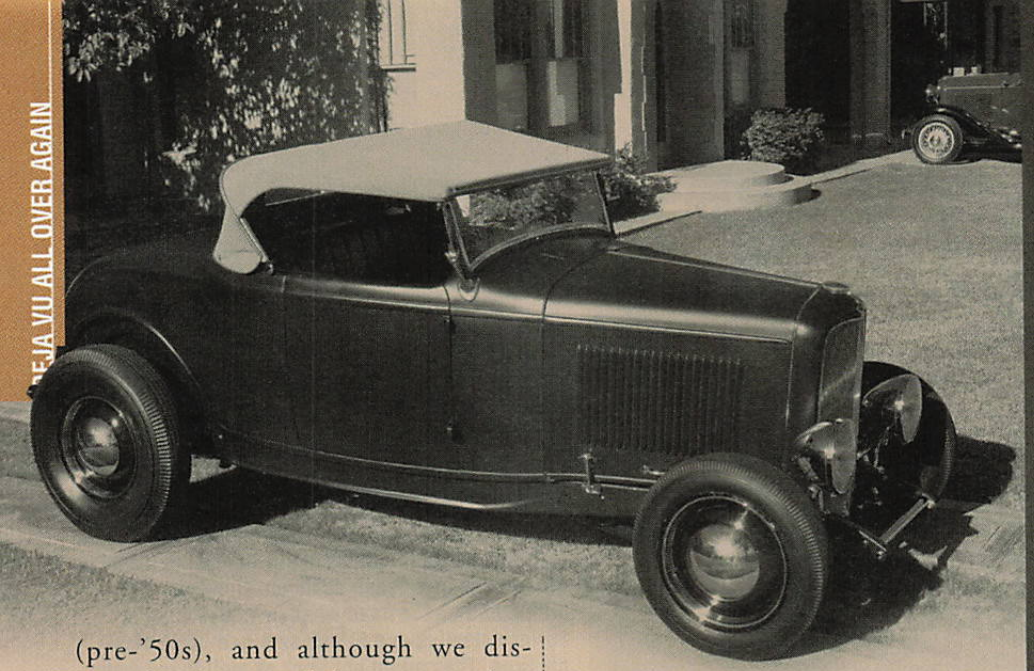
With so many aftermarket companies manufacturing perfect replicas of old-time wheels and tires, it can be a tough decision. However, Tom hit the nail on the head when he chose a set of 16-inch steelies and Firestone big 'n' little bias-ply tires. They might not track as well flying down the road, but that's a small price to pay for have the perfect wheel and tire combo.



The only thing cooler than being able to say your car has a Columbia two-speed rearend is driving one. This trick little rearend can go from blinding launches with the Columbia's 4:11 gear to its freeway friendly 2:97 gear at the touch of the vacuum-operated switch.

You may be asking why this Phoenix, AZ-based hot rod has a set of original '32 license plates from California, not to mention that San Diego-based club plack. As it turns out, Tom is a Phoenix transplant from sunny San Diego, and a life member of one of this country's oldest and most respected hot rod car clubs called the San Diego Roadster Club.

The LeBaron Bonney Company not only supplied the quality roadster top but also the original '32 seat upholstery. The tan leather has the perfect look and feel as if it were a well-worn driving glove. Simplicity and comfort are not usually both part of the hot rod equation, but then again, Tom Tait's roadster is nothing close to usual either.



(pre-'50s), and although we disassembled most of the car—engine, transmission, rear suspension, front suspension, steering box, carburetors, and seat—in order to put it together 'our way,' having the previously assembled car to work from made the buildup much easier. Most parts and fitment were done properly thanks to Bill Combs."

Some nine months after purchasing the '32, Tom and his good friends at Arizona Street Rods put the pile of early parts back together, instilling the coolest hot rod styling, using nothing but the best of early hot rodding speed parts. The '49 Flattie is not only one of the smoothest-running Flathead engines we've heard, Tom equipped it with parts like Offy heads, a stroked Mercury crank, a Isky camshaft, and an Offy tri-powered intake. Tom kept the early theme continuous even under the car with a '39 Ford three-speed trans equipped with Zephyr gears, an enclosed driveshaft hooked to a Columbia two-speed rearend, and a full set of '40 Ford drum brakes, just to name a few.

As for the body, look closely and you will notice every factory hole, even the factory mounting holes in the '32 chassis, was left alone, just as it would have been back in the early years of hot rodding. In many ways, the fact that all those holes are still there actually adds to the '32's cool style just as much as being true to the old-school tradition of construction. In fact, only the top was altered by taking 2 inches out for the perfect lean and attitude. Since Tom, and many others of the time, could not have afforded a nice paint job back in high school, and because it just looks so right, Tom had Arizona Street Rods finish off the body with a black egg-shell finish thanks to PPG's etching primer.

Once you step into the '32's interior, you instantly notice the fact that Tom spent as much time carefully choosing only the coolest traditional hot rod parts for the interior as he did for the engine and suspension. At first glance you notice all the right parts were used, including a stock dash, banjo steering wheel, and original seat, but taking a closer look reveals much more. The original '32 Ford dash is filled with eight period-perfect Stewart Warner gauges, and that's all; the '36 Ford banjo wheel is mounted atop an original '32 column, and in fact just about everything else you see inside this car is either original '32 Ford, or a perfect reproduction. In other words, this isn't your average "rat rod" by any means.

Finally, and probably the coolest part of this story, is the fact that Tom built this car to drive, *and drive he do.* One of the most memorable trips Tom can recall was a trip to his hometown of San Diego for the Goodguys Del Mar car show. Tom's drive from Phoenix to the show included making his way through a *storm* of butterflies. Tom recalls, "I got blasted by butterflies and couldn't see out the windshield. I had to stop in El Centro to blow out the radiator before cruising up the big hill to Jacumba at 70 mph at 2,100 rpm. Love that Columbia two-speed rearend!" SR

FACTS & FIGURES

Tom Tait
Phoenix, Arizona
'32 Ford roadster

CHASSIS	
Frame / Manufacturer	original Ford
Wheelbase	106"
Modifications	none
Chassis plumbing	steel pipe & rubber hoses as per original '32-'40 Ford specs
Rearend / Ratio	Columbia two-speed / 4:11/2:97
Rear suspension	'32 rear leaf spring w/ reversed eyes & sliders
Rear brakes	'40 Ford
Front suspension	'32 front leaf spring w/ reversed eyes & sliders
Front brakes	'40 Ford
Master cylinder	'40 Ford
Steering box	'32 Ford w/ needle bearings
Wheelcovers	'40 Ford Deluxe
Front wheel make, size	'40 Ford, 16x4.5
Rear wheel make, size	'40 Ford, 16x4.5
Front tire make, size	Firestone Deluxe Champion, 4:50x16
Rear tire make, size	Firestone Deluxe Champion, 7:50x16
Gas tank	original '32 Ford 12-gal

ENGINE	
Make	'49 Ford 8BA
Displacement	260ci
Machining / Assembly	Butch Smith (Frankfurt, KT) & Arizona Street Rods (Phoenix, AZ)
Crankshaft	4" stroked Mercury crank
Rods	stock
Pistons	8:1
Camshaft	Isky 77-B
Water pump	Ford
Radiator	U.S. Radiator Corp (Vernon, CA)
Alternator	Ford 12-volt generator
Heads	Offenhauser
Valves / Springs	Johnson adjustable lifters & springs
Manifold / Induction	Offenhauser three-pot w/ 97s
Ignition / Wires	Mallory dual point distributor
Headers	Reds Headers (Fort Bragg, CA) nickel-plated
Exhaust / Mufflers	Smitty muffs
Other engine facts	balanced & blueprinted

TRANSMISSION	
Year and make	'39 Ford w/ Zephyr gears
Pressure plate	11"
Trans mods	Arizona Street Rods
Driveshaft	'39 Ford enclosed

BODY	
Body style / Material	roadster / steel
Body manufacturer	Brookville Roadster
Body mods	2" chop
Hood	'32 Ford
Grille	'32 Ford
Bodywork	Arizona Street Rods
Paint type / Color	PPG etching primer / black
Headlights / Taillights	'34 Ford / '37 Ford
Outside mirror	original '32 Ford

INTERIOR	
Dashboard	'32 Ford
Insert / Gauges	Stewart Warner
Wiring	Bill Combs (Lexington, KT)
Steering wheel	'36 Ford banjo
Steering column	'32 Ford
Seats	'32 Ford / handmade bottom
Upholsterer	LeBaron Bonney (Amesbury, MA) & Arizona Street Rods
Material / Color	leather / Tan
Carpet	rubber mat
Seatbelts	early Ford replicas

Follow the detailed instructions below to properly wash and wax your car.

The key to a proper wash and wax is in the details. It is of utmost importance to be prepared and to know the correct technique when washing and waxing your vehicle. If the proper procedure is not followed, then you will end up without a properly washed and waxed vehicle and everyone will be really disappointed. The truth of the matter is that the arduous yet **JUST***ifiable task of an all day wax and wash will be worth it. First, collect the numerous tools needed to complete your wash and wax. These include but are not limited to: sponges, dry towels, chamois, a bucket, a hose with spray nozzle attachment, wax, and an appropriate car wash detergent. You will also need a soiled car.*

Directions are as follows: Squirt a couple of ounces of detergent in a bucket and fill it from the garden hose. In order to clean your sullied vehicle, **WET IT** *first. It's important to spray the entire car down from top to bottom; removing as much of the caked on dirt as possible. Dip your sponge in the bucket and begin scrubbing the roof in a circular motion making sure to cover every inch with suds. After scrubbing the roof, move on to the rest of the car. Remember to scrub from the top down. Also, don't forget to always slide your trusty bucket along side you as you move along the car. After dunking the sponge in the nasty bucket several times you might want to refresh the solution.* **WASH***ing* **IT** *out accomplishes two things. 1. Fresh water and detergent. 2. It will get rid of any dirt that has accumulated in the bottom of the bucket. If you're not careful, dirt could end up in your sponge and may scratch the finish of your car. Now that we have scrubbed the car, spray the rest of the soap off and quickly get ready to dry. Towel handy? Great, you're prepared. Start at the top of the car and work down. Gently wipe* **&** *dry the entire car. This will keep you from having pesky water spots when the job is done. Don't forget those mirrors and windows. Great, we're half way there.*

Let's start waxing this puppy. Now, dry and clean, your vehicle's finish is ready to accept a fresh shine. Apply the wax to your car using a fresh terry cloth towel in a circular motion. Once you've given that babe a good massage, wait a while on the **WAX**. **IT** *will* **DRY** *before dusk. When buffing off the wax, stroke the car firmly so no residual wax remains. With your car shining pretty consider moving on to the interior. But that can wait for another day. Now you've got a proper wash & wax, and the exhaustion to prove it.*

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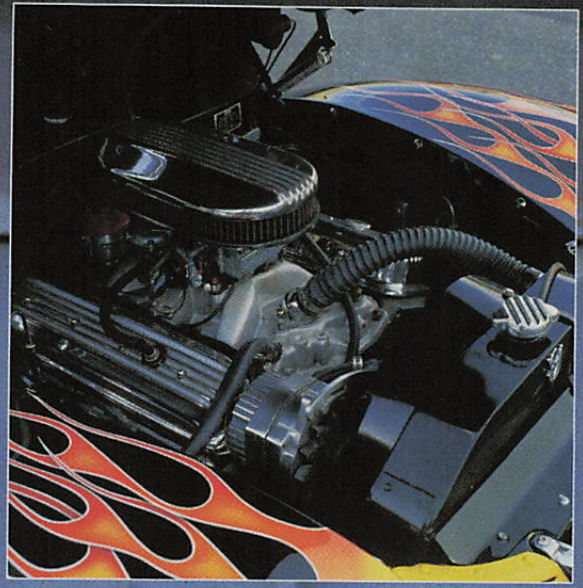
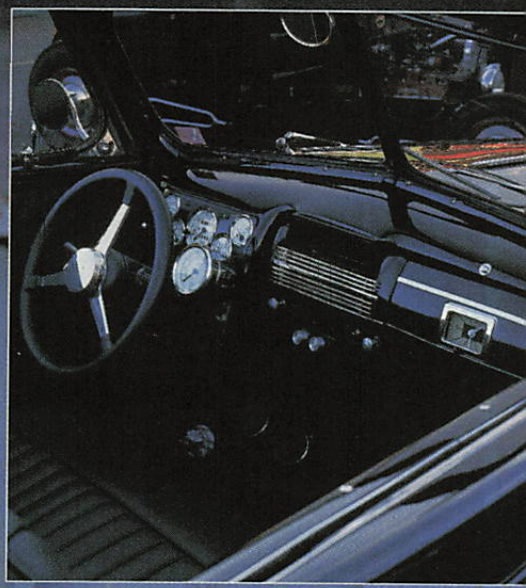
TRANSFORMED

For some lucky few who have the hot rod linage, building a career based on cars is no real stretch. Whether you were born with a natural mechanical ability or not, growing up around cars—hot rods to be more specific—can give a person a love and understanding of our hobby, unlike some of us later-in-life types who have to spend many years catching up on all the intricacies (that's a nice way of saying frustrations) of building or even owning a street rod. There are all sorts of things that can go terribly wrong while driving or constructing street rod. Guys like the owner of this fine '40—Monty Lewellen of Woodland, Washington—have that inbred ability to pick up on these types of frustrations and work right through them as if they were just part of the game. Growing up with a hot rod dad and being partners in a used car lot with your brother can be a great way to learn the ins and outs of rodding. So good at this is Monty that he has been quite successful at picking up extremely well-built street rods and transforming them into the rod of his dreams without all the mess of starting from scratch. This may be a good lesson to learn, and a really smart way to go for quite a few of us. However, being able to pick up on a well-built car versus a terribly built car that might look great on the outside, but ...

The beautiful '40 Ford convertible you see here is one of those hard-to-find cars that was well built a few years back, but needed some finishing touches to really set it apart. With kids in the house, Monty's family needed to find a car with windows and a little more space for the kids, rather than squeezing the entire family into Monty's other hot rod that just happens to be a '30 Ford roadster with no windows or much sitting space. Another cool aspect of growing up around cars is that by the time you are an adult, you have a legion of friends who always have their hot rod radar going in all directions. Thankfully for Monty, one of his good fiends coughed up some info on a nicely rodded '40 convertible for sale that had been sitting for quite some time. Knowing exactly what to look for when buying a used street rod, Monty knew this car could easily be redone to his liking, since it had been built in the late '80s to early '90s.

(top left) It doesn't get much better than a well laid out traditional flame job on a flawless black body. Credit for this one goes to Art Hedman of Cathlament, WA, for spraying the black, laying the flames, and finishing it all off nicely with white pinstripes.
(top center) Even though the '40 already had this stout '90 Chevy Corvette small-block installed, its new owner, Monty Lewellen, went to town transforming the modern powerplant into a more traditional-looking piece by removing the FI setup and replacing it with a single Holley four-barrel and a ton of finned and polished aluminum accessories.
(top right) Clean and neat might be the best words to describe this '40's interior, but it couldn't have happened without VDO's classic white-faced gauges, Lobeck's V8 Shop Bell-style aluminum steering wheel, and Weaver's Upholstery of Silver Lake, WA.





AND BETTER THAN EVER

one man's tired street rod is another man's dream car

BY JASON WALKER | PHOTOGRAPHY BY PETER VINCENT

With the top down, the '40 takes on a completely different look. Now Monty's only problem is deciding top up, or top down. Either way, a keen eye for well-built, used street rods paid off in spades for Monty Lewellen when he found a clean, reliable driver to transform into the '40 he always dreamed of.

Before he put a dollar down on the '40, Monty had already figured out that the '40s foundation—consisting of a boxed original frame, Mustang II IFS, and a 9-inch Ford posi out back—was all in ideal shape and perfect for reliable traveling. The only problem was that the car sat a little high and was in need of a new set of rollers that matched Monty's style and fit the car a little better than the Weld wheels sticking out past the fenders. As luck would have it, or as Monty planned from the beginning, a new pair of Heidt's dropped spindles and springs set the '40's nose closer to the asphalt, and a set of 15-inch Vintique chromed OEM-style wheels with Coker bias-ply wide whitewall tires gave her the look Monty was after. Monty also has a set of big-inch American five-spokes ready and waiting any time he feels like adding some modern styling to the '40s profile.

Next, Monty wanted to freshen up the road-hard paint by having Art Hedman of Cathlament, Washington, fine-tune the body and lay down a fresh coat of PPG's finest black urethane. It wasn't until a year after Art sprayed the '40 black that Monty got the urge for flames. Not only can he lay down a beautiful black paint job, but Art's talents also reach out into the custom-paint zone as seen on the front of Monty's '40 in the form of over 170 licks.

To keep the traditional theme running throughout the entire car, and wanting an extra comfortable interior, Monty went to Weavers Upholstery of Silver Lake, Washington, to cover the original '40 front and rear seats that, by the way, weren't the easiest to find (even for a well-connected car guy like Monty), in the rich-feeling yet affordable Ultra Leather stitched in a traditional rolled-'n'-pleated pattern. The clean '40 Ford dash was also retained but now set up with VDO's classic-looking white-faced gauges, original clock, and a Clarion sound system. Bolted to the Chevy tilt column is the very traditional Lobeck Bell-style steering wheel as icing on the cake.

Being a hot rodder at heart, Monty loved the pedal power already installed in the '40, but wanted to give the fuel-injected '90 Chevy Corvette small-block a more traditional look to go with the new look of the '40. This meant swapping the fuel injection unit for an Edelbrock intake and Holley carb combo. Monty also installed a set of Mooneyes finned valve covers, and a slough of polished goodies from O'Brian Truckers to match. Monty also went through the Chevy Muncie M-21 four-speed trans by adding a Centerforce clutch and Hurst shifter. EQ Muffler of Longview, Washington, took care of custom-building a new exhaust system complete with coated fenderwell headers and a pair of Flowmaster mufflers.

Maybe this car is proof positive that having enough patience and knowing exactly what to look for, as well as what to look at, can yield a smart buy on a used but well-built street rod that only needs a facelift and/or an attitude adjustment to become the car of your dreams. Less work, less money, and the same results in the end? Sounds perfect, just don't forget: buyer beware! SR

FACTS & FIGURES

Monty and Tonia Lewellen
Woodland, Washington
1940 Ford convertible

CHASSIS

Frame / Manufacturer	original
Modifications	boxed, notched in front for IFS
Rearend / Ratio	'69 Ford 9"/ 3.50 posi
Rear suspension	TCI Engineering (Ontario, CA) parallel leaf, homebuilt traction bars
Rear brakes	Ford drum
Front suspension	Ford Mustang II
Front brakes	Ford 11" disc
Master cylinder	power
Front wheel make, size	Wheel Vintique (Fresno, CA), 15X6
Rear wheel make, size	Wheel Vintique, 15X8
Front tire make, size	Coker (Chattanooga, TN) WWW, 5.60-15
Rear tire make, size	Coker WWW, L-78-15
Gas tank	original

ENGINE

Make	1990 Chevrolet
Displacement	350ci
Machining / Assembly	Chevrolet
Water pump	chrome
Cooling fan	manual & electric
Radiator	Walker Radiator Works Inc. (Memphis, TN)
Alternator	polished
Heads	aluminum
Valve covers	Mooneyes USA Inc. (Santa Fe Springs, CA) finned aluminum
Manifold / Induction	Edelbrock Performance Products (Torrance, CA)
Ignition	Mallory Unilite
Headers	custom fenderwell, coated
Exhaust / Mufflers	EQ Muffler (Longview, WA) 2 1/2" / Flowmaster

TRANSMISSION

Make	Chevrolet, Muncie M-21 four-speed
Clutch	Centerforce (Prescott, AZ)
Shifter	Hurst Shifters (Cleveland, OH)
Driveshaft	custom

BODY

Body style / Material	convertible / steel
Body manufacturer	Ford
Body mods	shaved, rear top bow cut down 2"
Grille	Bob Drake Reproductions Inc.
Paint type / Color	PPG Industries black w/ flames
Painter	Art Hedman (Cathlament, WA)
Graphics	flames by Art Hedman
Outside mirror	SO-CAL Speed Shop (Pomona, CA)
Bumpers	Bob Drake Reproductions (Grants Pass, OR)

INTERIOR

Dashboard	'40 Ford Deluxe
Gauges	VDO
Stereo / Speakers	Pioneer
Air conditioning	Vintage Air Inc. (San Antonio, TX)
Steering wheel	Lobeck's V8 Shop (Cleveland, OH) "Bell" style
Steering column	Chevy Van
Seats	original
Upholsterer	Weavers Upholstery (Silver Lake, WA)
Material / Color	Ultra Leather / black

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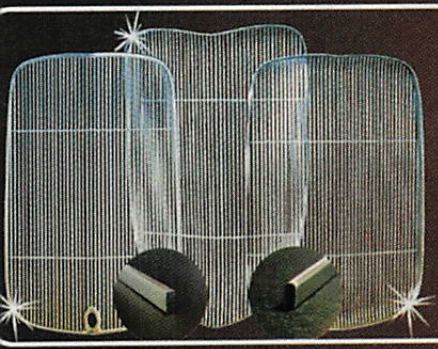

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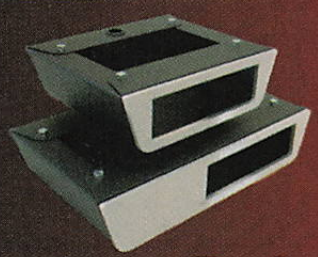

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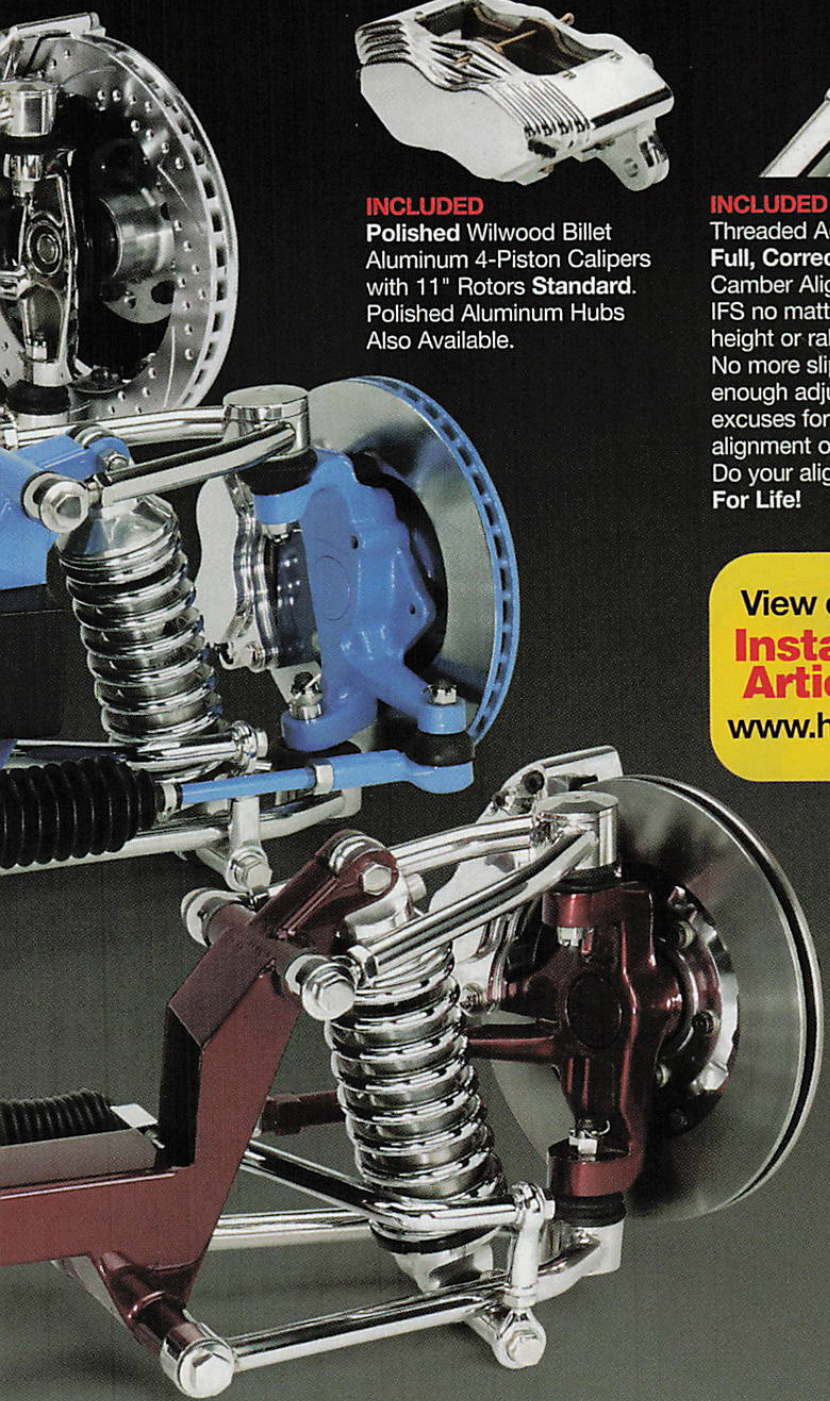

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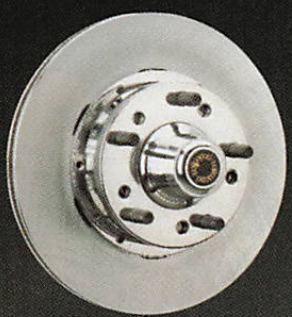

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One of the coolest aspects of writing for a magazine like *SRM* is being able to go behind the scenes with some of our hobby's most innovative manufacturers. Those who start out making their products at home, then, through years of scratching and climbing, manage to turn their tiny businesses into full-fledged manufacturing companies turn out to be some of the biggest names in street rodding.

Ken Callison, owner/operator of the ididit Inc. company, is one of these proud homebuilders who turned a few great ideas into one of the most respected aftermarket business in the industry. The ididit story starts out sounding like many other homebuilder stories: A good idea turned into a cool part—in this case, the part was a steering column—then at the urging of friends, Ken started building columns on a one-to-one basis for his fellow hot rod buddies. It wasn't long after that Ken and his son, Scott, who by the way was ididit's first official employee, were frequenting car shows showing off their handiwork. During these first few fledgling years Ken also worked full-time for the Ford Motor Company while spending every other free minute designing and redesigning his columns.

This home business quickly out-grew the garage and forced Ken and Scott to not only find a larger facility, but also to hire more employees. By 1991, Ken moved his shop into a 3,000-square-foot shop in Clinton, Michigan, where business blossomed, allowing Ken to quit his job at Ford to get serious about building his steering-column empire.

It was also the right time to bring in the big guns, so Ken's wife came on

This roadside sign just about says it all. The new ididit facility in Tecumseh, MI, has plenty of room for all 25 full-time employees, a huge manufacturing area, a research and development department, a retail store, and a topo-notch shipping department that must run 24 hours a day.

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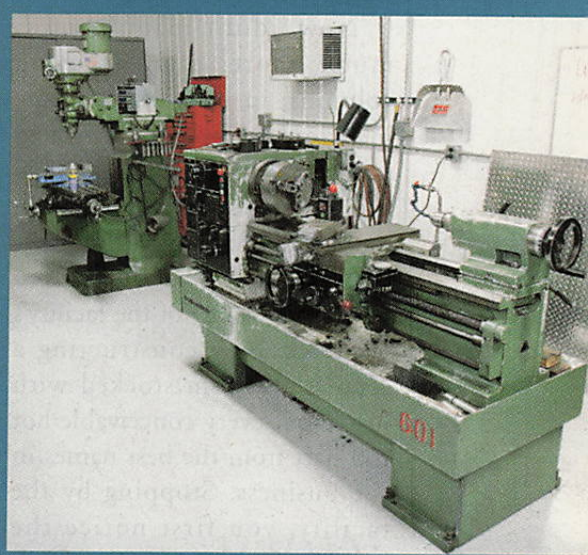
Instead of blank white office walls, Ken's wife and business manager took things into her own hands and put together a more interesting decor.

We're pretty sure Ken never imagined he'd be sitting behind a desk in a spacious office like this way back when he and his son were carving homebuilt steering columns, but we're also pretty sure he couldn't be happier.



When one of ididit's team of thinkers comes up with a new idea, this is the area where it will first be constructed into a prototype.

In order to keep up with demand, the ididit manufacturing team keeps plenty busy making sure the shelves are fully stocked and ready for shipment to all ends of the globe.

(left) Each of the hundreds of different parts manufactured at this facility is assembled by hand for the finest in quality control. *(above)* This new facility is large enough to house much of the necessary raw materials need for manufacturing. That sweet-looking chassis will most likely be the foundation for an award-winning street rod in the near future.

board to manage the business end. Just two years later, Ken and crew once again needed more room to stretch, this time into the 32,000-square-foot facility in Tecumseh, Michigan, with a full-time staff of 25 employees, including daughter Kim heading up the human resource end of things.

Now, ididit manufactures much more than steering columns; in fact, its line now includes just about every related accessory, like column drops, cable shift linkage, and much more. To complement the ididit line of steering products, Ken has utilized some of the facility's large space by constructing a retail showroom stocked with just about every conceivable hot rod part from the best names in the business. Stopping by the facility, you first notice the building looks as if it were built in the '30s with cool neon and art deco styling. Once inside, the theme continues, thanks to Ken's wife, Jane, who even designed mock hot rod shop/gas station pieces, including signs, vintage gas pumps, and old hubcaps.

Even though we all know the story behind the business now, it is still hard to believe by looking at ididit's new facility that it all started out in Ken Callison's home garage, but then again, that's what makes this country so amazing—well, and the fact that Ken and family worked very hard to achieve all that they have. SR

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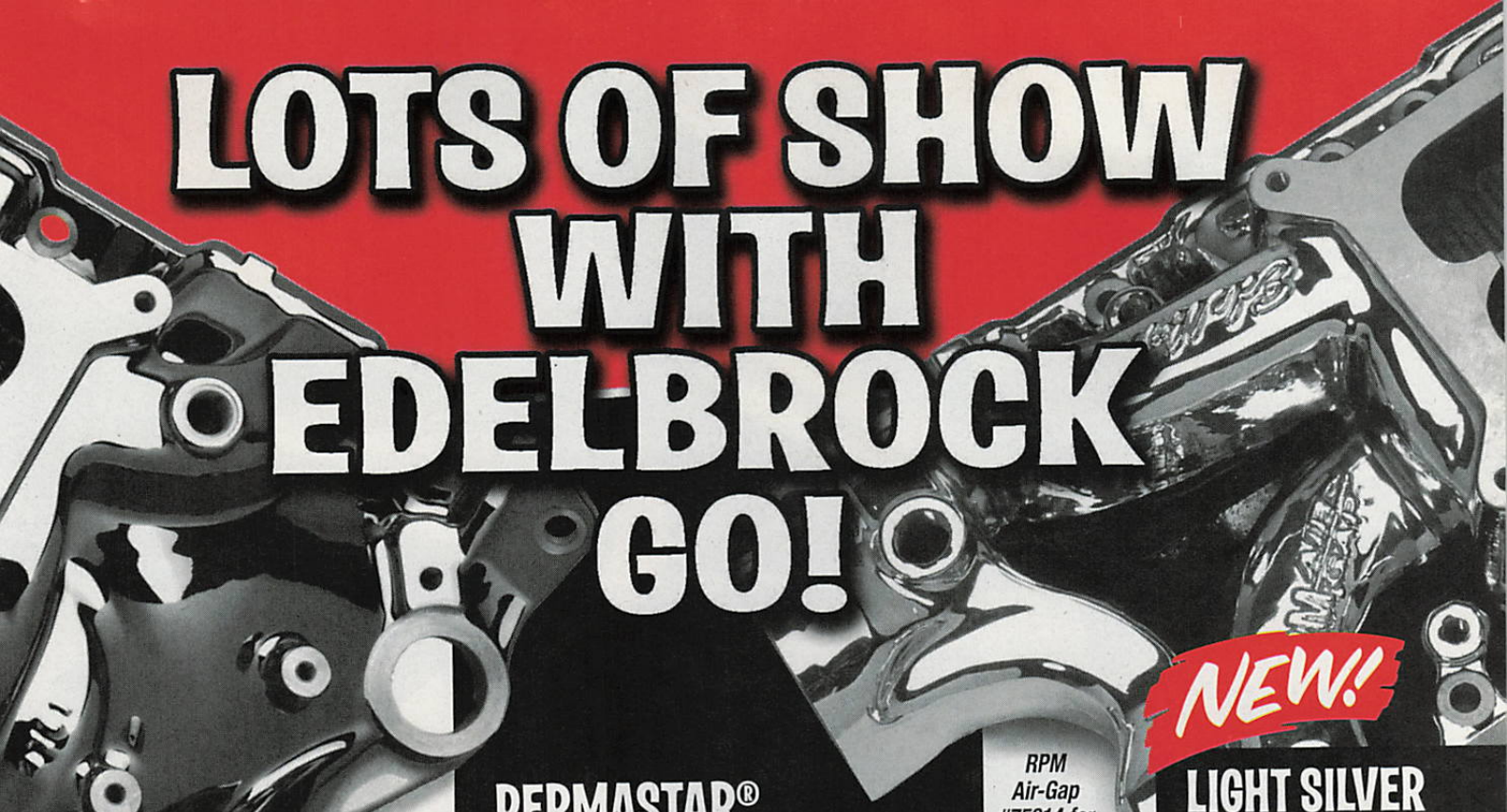

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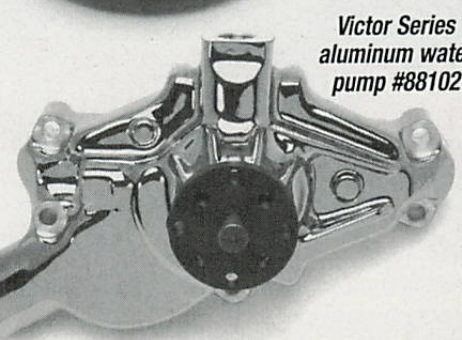

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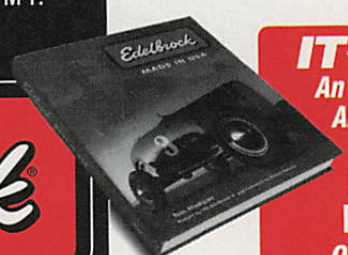

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Looking at this photo, you might think it was taken a number of decades ago—you'd be mistaken though. Here (left to right) Ken Schmidt, Keith Cornell, and Dave Moyer of the Rolling Bones Hot Rod Shop get ready to install the hopped-up baby Hemi into the 'rails of Dennis Varni's new blacktop burner.

Believe it or not, there are places in this vast country that are yet unspoiled by the hustle and bustle of everyday life, where the world around you becomes a blur of technology, gadgetry, complexity, and high maintenance; causing people to be continually forced to work tirelessly just to stay in the know—to stay on top.

ROLLING BONES HOT ROD SHOP

BY CHUCK VRANAS

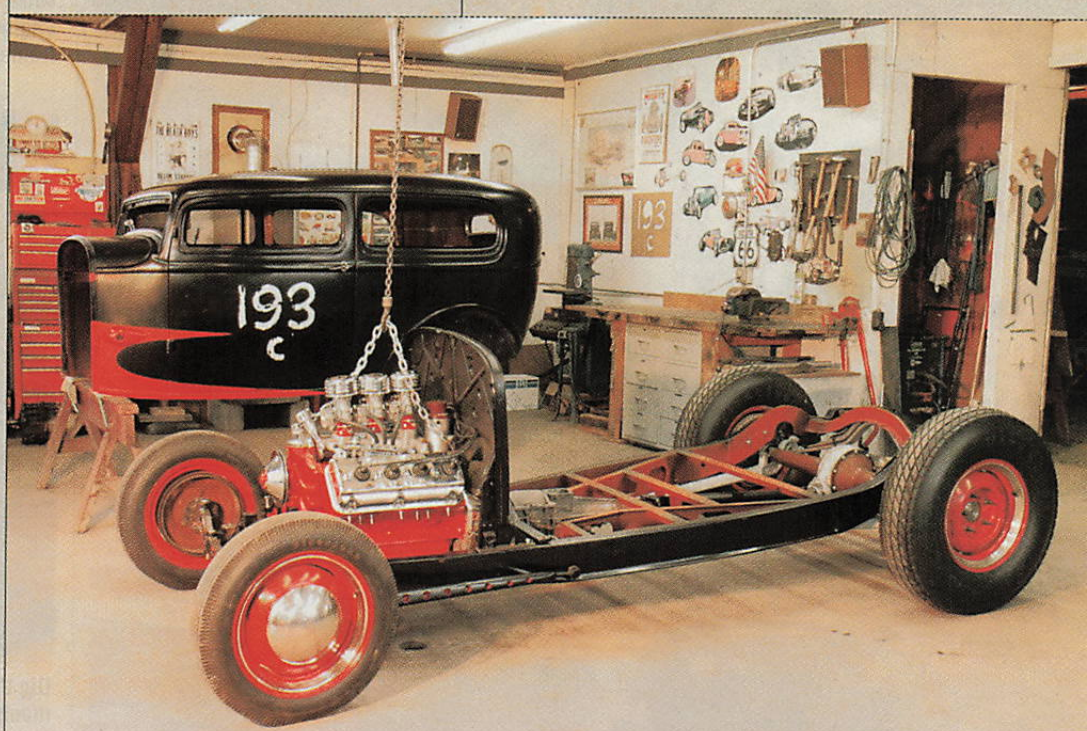
Old films are one way to recapture the feel of how the land once was, where you can imagine driving down an old country road in your chopped coupe with a blazing Flathead raging between the framerails as you pass countless farms and classic old buildings that set the landscape with architecture rich enough to make you want to call it home. If this sounds like something out of an old B movie, think again, 'cuz it's the real deal. In fact, it's alive and well in upstate New York, where the Rolling Bones Hot Rod Shop in Ballston Spa, New York, makes its home in the positively breathtaking area just outside of Saratoga Springs, where time itself seems to stand still.

If the devil himself ever sat down to design his very own hot rod shop, it would obviously, without a doubt, have to be one with guys who create cars with their very own souls to achieve period-perfect stances, aggressive attitudes, patina-emblazoned bodies, and enough zest to make them look like they're going 100 mph while they're standing still as they send a chill up your spine. Indeed, that sounds like the Rolling Bones Hot Rod Shop in a nutshell. For Ken Schmidt, Keith Cornell, and Dave Moyer, era-perfect hot rods have run deep in their veins since they we all young'uns growing up in the '50s. Each man has his own set of stories that eventually brought him together with the others in the last decade to start building some truly memorable cars. Their style is truly unique, and each will freely admit that it takes all three of them to build a car that will evoke the golden age of hot rodding of the late '40s and early '50s.

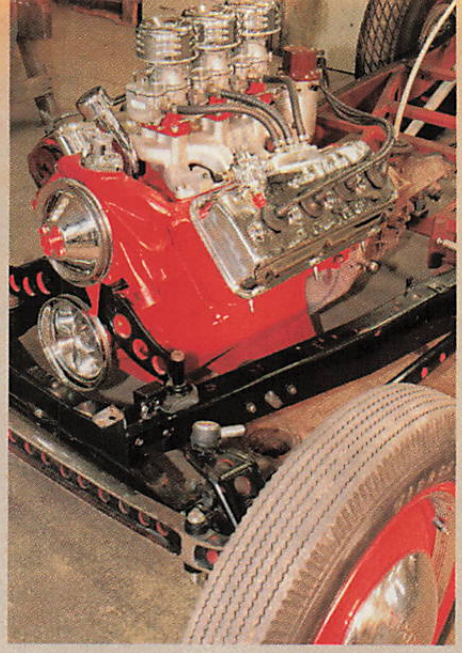
It takes loads of research, long sleepless nights, total devotion, and a thoroughness that defies description to come up with the total recipe to turn out these cars one at a time. Having made numerous cross-country trips to the West Coast and Bonneville in their cars, all three members of the team have proven that their cars ooze durability and that they can be driven hard for hundreds of miles, with strength and reliability leading the way.

On a recent visit to their shop, we were able to catch up with a brand-new Rolling Bones ride that was coming together for well-known West Coast hot rodder Dennis Varni, and we're here to tell you firsthand that it's a truly wicked ride in every sense of the word! The new Deuce Tudor was getting its final run-through and its knockout 241-inch '53 Dodge Hemi was lowered into the framerails fresh from Chris Zootis' shop in Healdsburg, California. It tore into the dyno at 251 hp thanks to a high-lift cam, ported and polished heads, Offy three-pot intake, and Vertex mag lighting the fire.

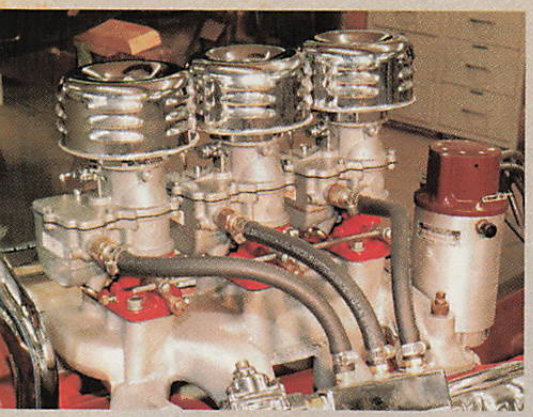
The chassis has countless tricks that are signature to the shop, like inboard mounted Houdaille shocks, Schroeder steering, bobbed framehorns with a dramatic frame pinch, and a Halibrand V-8 centersection out back with '36 Ford housings. Looking at the body, there's nothing like a real hard chop and, once again, the guys

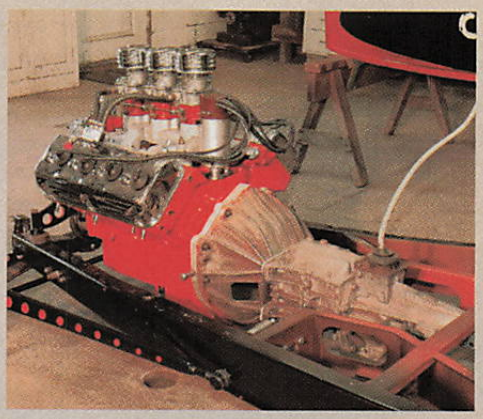


We found the latest creation built for Dennis Varni awaiting final assembly deep inside the voodoo lounge at the Rolling Bones shop. The Deuce Tudor was oozing wickedness thanks to a late-'40s feel that included a hard chop, vintage Hemi V-8, and fresh weathered paint.

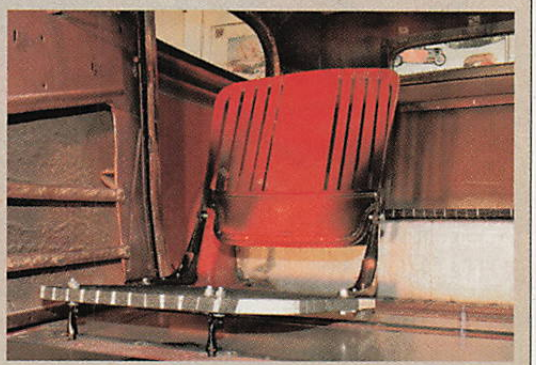


(left) There's just something to be said about seeing a new ride waiting for its heartbeat to be installed; talk about a rise in your adrenalin levels! *(right)* The '53 Dodge Red Ram 241-inch Hemi was filled with the finest go-fast goodies available, including an Offy three-pot intake topped with a trio of Stromberg 97s, high-lift cam, full port and polish, and a Vertex mag to light the fire. Dyno'd at 251 hp, the lil' Hemi should have plenty of scoot for the Deuce.

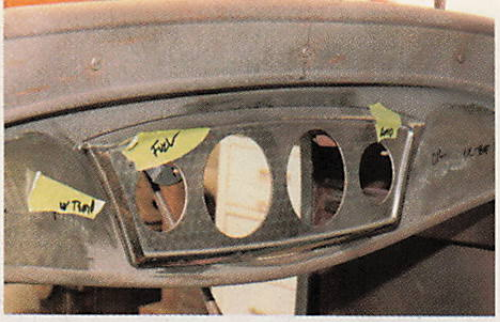




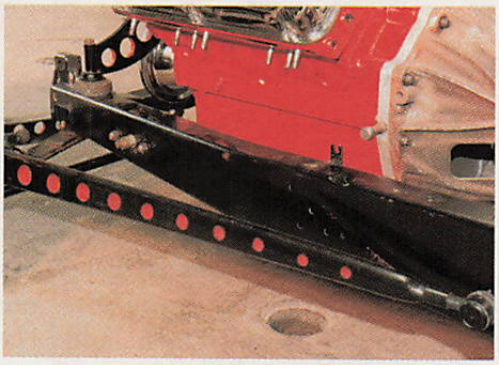
(left) With a lot of attention to detail, the 241-inch Hemi will have plenty of heavy breathing thanks to an Offenhauser intake topped with three 97s wearing vintage-styled helmets as a Vertex magneto keeps everything ready for action. *(right)* Check out how perfectly everything fits here. Form follows function and if it isn't going to help performance, it's not invited to the party. The Hemi is mated to one of the few updated items on the car; a T5 standard transmission topped with a vintage shifter via a Chevrolet bellhousing, 'cuz ya gotta have three pedals.



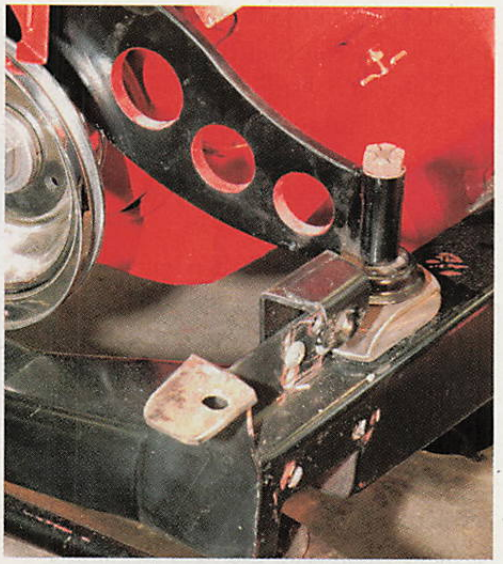
(left) Starting with a mint '32 Ford Tudor body, the crew at Rolling Bones hammered it hard, removing 5 1/2 inches up front and 5 1/4 inches out back while laying back the A-pillar and adding a custom-louvered removable roof insert fashioned from a '51 Jeep Wagoneer lid panel. The patina-styled paint scheme has become one of their signature items and here they added plenty of zest by including old-timey scallops and the 193c tag graphics ... cool. *(right)* With a lid that's as heavily hammered as the one in the Deuce, you had better hope the interior is thought out for total comfort on those long road trips. Designed for maximum drive comfort, the yet-to-be-covered seats are set up perfectly and there are even a few tricks in the back, like a hidden tool tray that will be under the rear passenger seat.



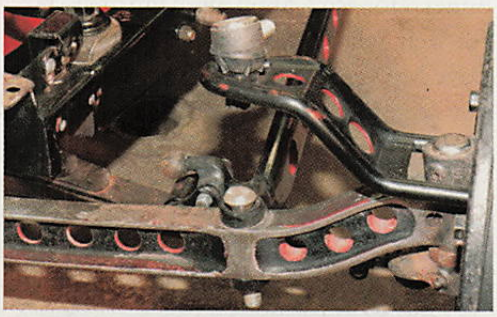
Wanting a little different look to his dash, Dennis supplied the crew with a classic vintage marine insert with an engine-turned face that will bring tons of style to the inside of this soup-job.



From this angle you can appreciate the split wishbones, which have been drilled and gusseted when they are combined with the front axle, trick engine mounts, and dramatically pinched front framerails.



Dig the tasty custom-fabbed and drilled engine mounts by Rolling Bones for the baby Hemi as they make time with the vintage chromed '32 Ford drilled front axle.



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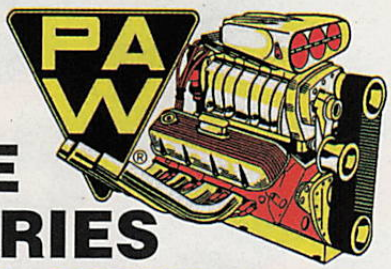

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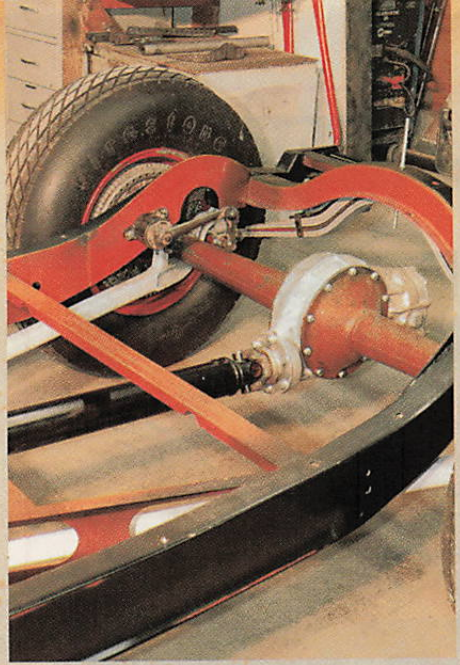
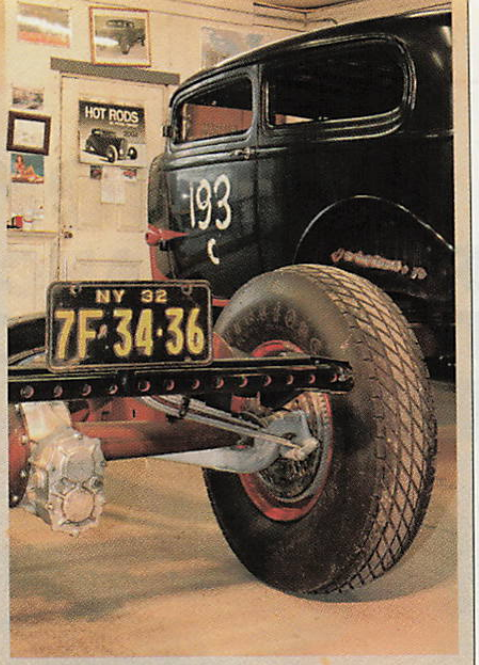
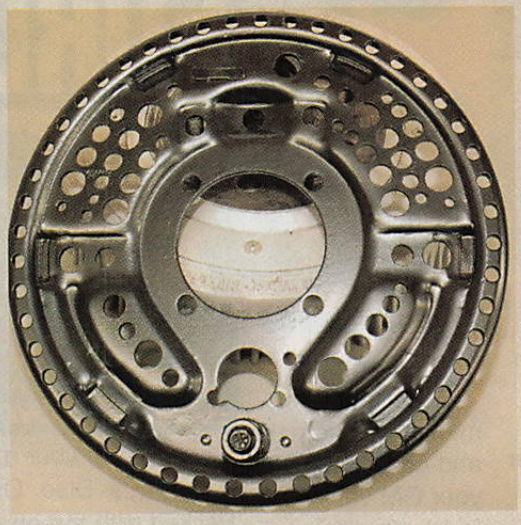
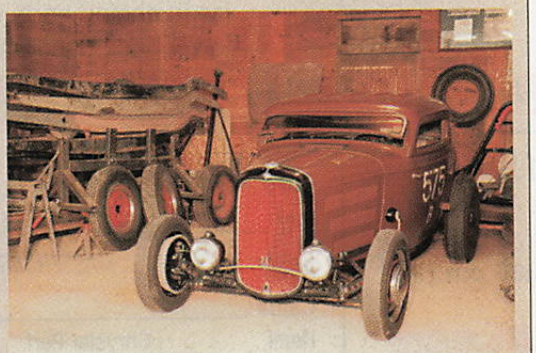




(above) Out back the Deuce chassis received more custom updates, including a deep reinforced C-notch, mild Z, bobbing of the back 'rails, and T-spring with an A crossmember. A Halibrand V-8 quick-change rear mated to '36 Ford housings filled with 9-inch axles and an open drive conversion delivers the goods, while Frankland finned drums help it stop and inboard mounted Houdaille shocks banish the bumps. *(right)* Nothing but the best in vintage equipment out back here as the back half of the chassis makes time with the Deuce body waiting to become one. The Firestone 8.90x16-inch dirt trackers on 16x6-inch rims make the rollin' statement complete.



(left) Dennis supplied the guys with a drop-dead evil little skull to be worked into the car and they fitted it to an old Deuce radiator cap, making it look like it had been a part of it since it was new. *(right)* Dennis also supplied the guys with a set of four F3 Ford backing plates that he drilled out to perfection to be combined with the rare Frankland finned brake drums.



(left) Kinda like a candy store, isn't it? Built Flatheads, Schroeder steering boxes, Halibrand centersections, intakes, heads, and all the rest ... sweet. *(right)* Well known for its countless cross-country runs to the West Coast and Bonneville, not to mention many amazing images by Peter Vincent, Ken's coupe has brought the Rolling Bones style and dependability in build to the forefront of hot rodding with the groups dedication to building era-correct cars that can be driven *hard* and enjoyed for what they are ... dig it.

The California contingent: (left, front to back) Gino Icardi, Roy Brizio, Andy Brizio (right, front to back) Dave Schaub, Dick DeLuna, Dennis Varni.

worked their voodoo when they sliced 5 1/2-inches up front while leaning back the A-pillars, and wrapping it up out back with a 5 1/4-inch chop. Add in a custom-louvered removable roof insert that started life on a '51 Jeep Wagoneer, a dash filled with a vintage marine insert, and loads of neat little tricks like a hidden tool-storage tray, and you have a winner on the way. Let's not forget one of their signature patina paint finishes, which is the final icing on the cake. And for those of you who just might like to have a little insight as to how they decide on the numbers for their cars, they are based on genuine SCTA timing tags from the late '40s and early '50s that are correct for the model of car they are building ... cool.

This season will be another busy one for the team as they get ready to take Ken's latest Deuce roadster on the road once it leaves the Saratoga Auto Museum, where it is currently part of an exhibition called "The King of Clubs." The plan is to drive the roadster with its 255-inch 59L Flathead, setting the pace out to Bonneville in street trim, then change it up to race specs, hammer the black line, then drive it home. Anyone who knows Ken, Keith, and Dave can attest that it will be a trip to end all trips. The guys would like to send sincere thanks out to their good friends Peter Vincent, Ken Gross, Mark Morton, Dennis Varni, and anyone else who digs their era-perfect build style. SR

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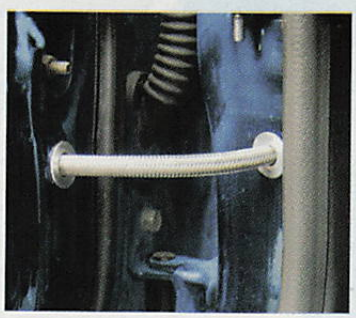

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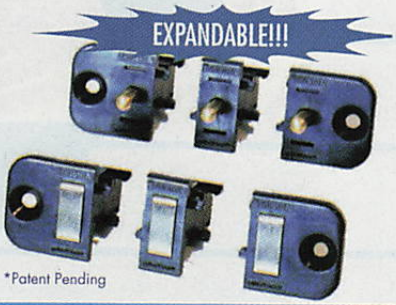

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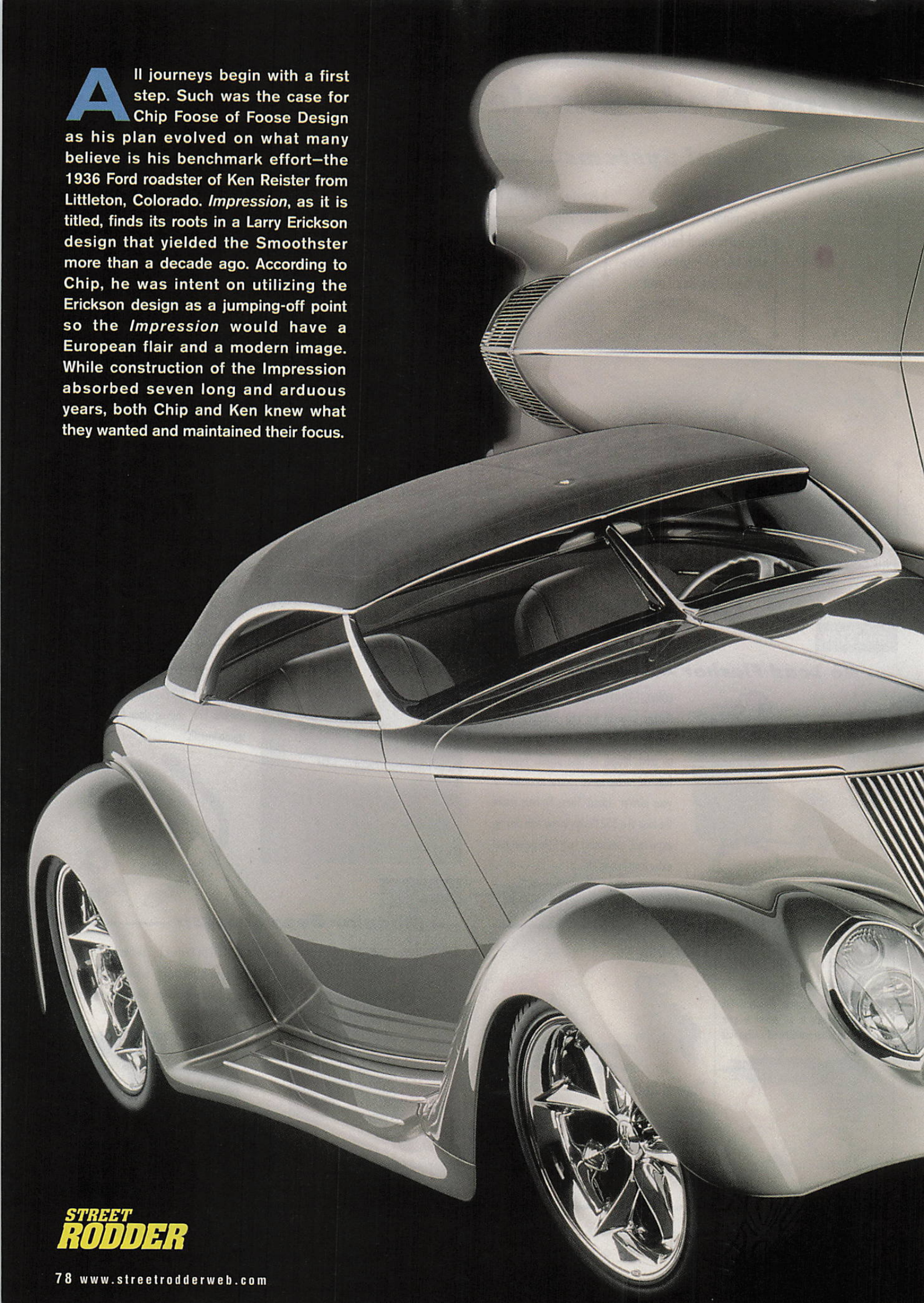

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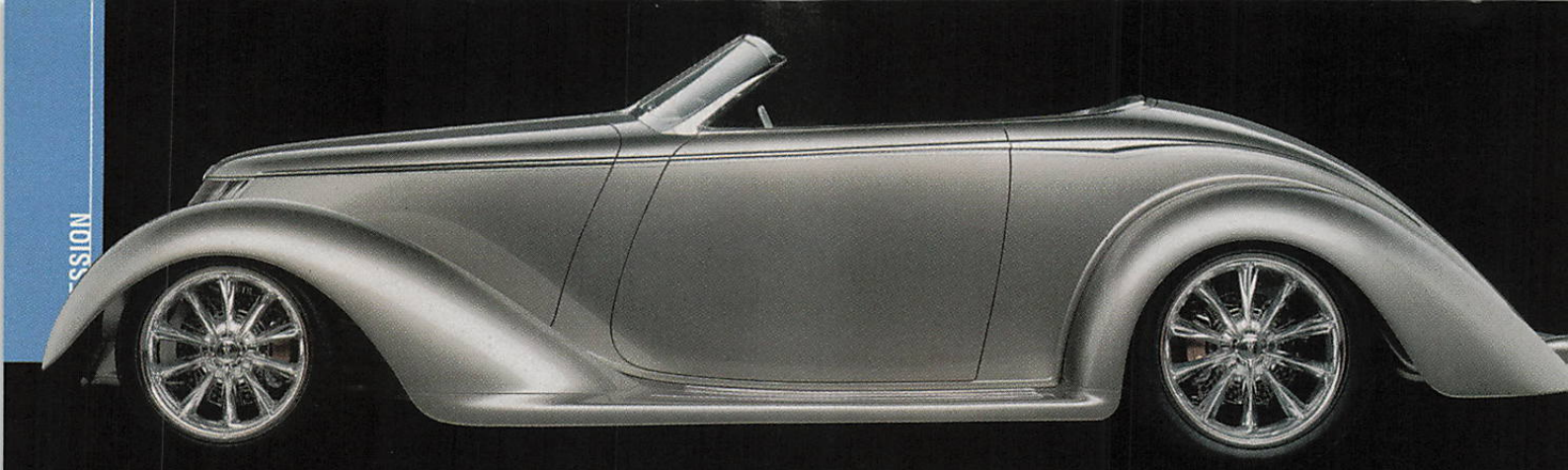
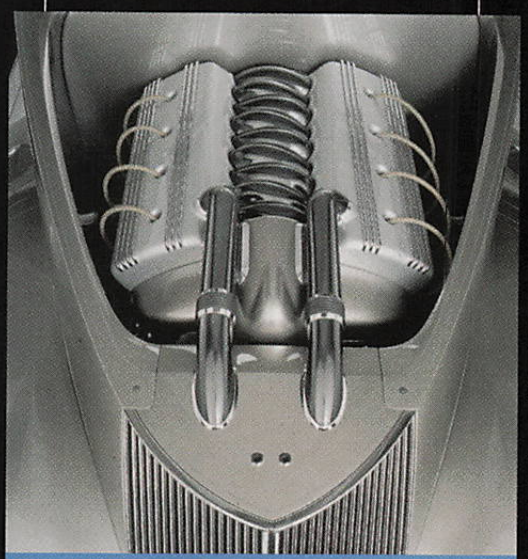


The *Impression* isn't the first but may very well be the finest example of a coachbuilt street rod that utilizes 4,000 one-of-a-kind components. The presence of coachbuilt rods have been with us for years, but it seems most recently design, style, quality, and craftsmanship have come together to rival anything found throughout the automotive world. The *Impression* will hold its own with any Big Three coachbuilt concept car—and that's saying something!

The sheetmetal is rooted in the 1936 Ford roadster and is the handiwork of Marcel's Custom Metal Shaping (operated by Marcel and his sons, Luc and Mark). The steel body is outfitted with an aluminum hood, decklid, and a custom windshield. The stainless steel grille insert was crafted by the master himself—Dan Fink. A unique body of this caliber doesn't just happen. First there was the 1/4-scale clay model, which evolved into a fullsize wooden buck that Team Marcel used to bend the sheetmetal into the shape you see before you. Did we mention that the paint comes by way of BASF and we have heard the color referred to as "Chipewter"? Nice touch.

The *Impression* has received, at the time of this writing, every major award it has come in contact with, beginning with rodding's "golden chalice," the *Don Ridler Memorial Award*, given to the outstanding car from the Detroit Autorama, immediately followed by *Best Rod* at the Fresno Autorama (Blackie Gejeian), and the *Goldmark* award at the Boise Roadster Show. *(The trophy case is shy the single most significant award a roadster can capture*—America's Most Beautiful Roadster, *which is emblematic of the finest roadster in the land awarded at the Grand National Roadster Show. The* Impression *will be kept under wraps until January '06 when Ken and Chip will enter it in competition. Time will tell!)*

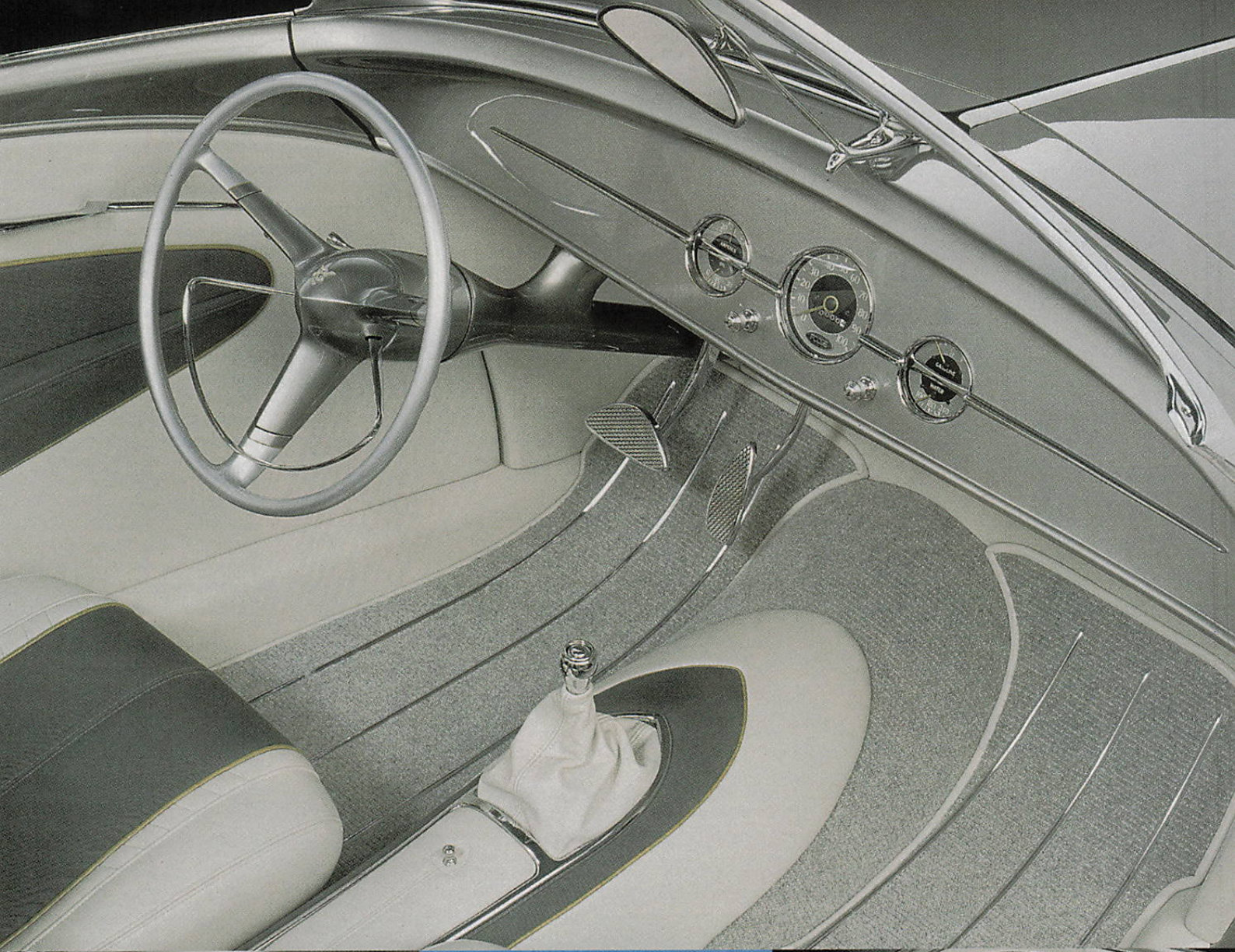
While there's no denying this rod is all roadster, Chip was intent on accomplishing one specific design element: have the car look *complete* with or without its top. The top is made from handformed aluminum, wrapped both sides with canvas then resting over chromed top bows. The top is a liftoff-only affair, no folding here. However, to accomplish this *complete* look with or without the top, a chromed molding rests on the body and wraps around the cockpit, eventually tying into the windshield.

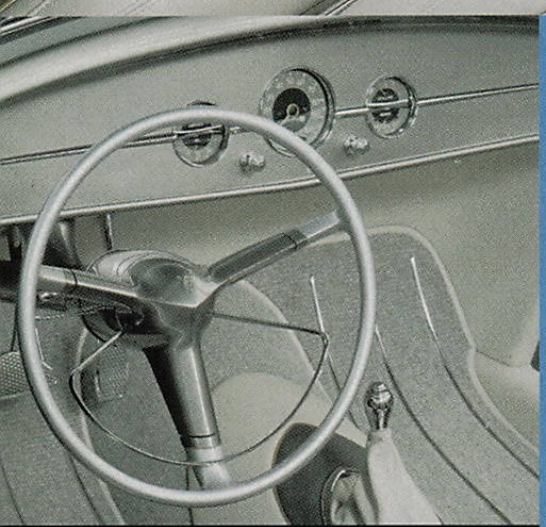


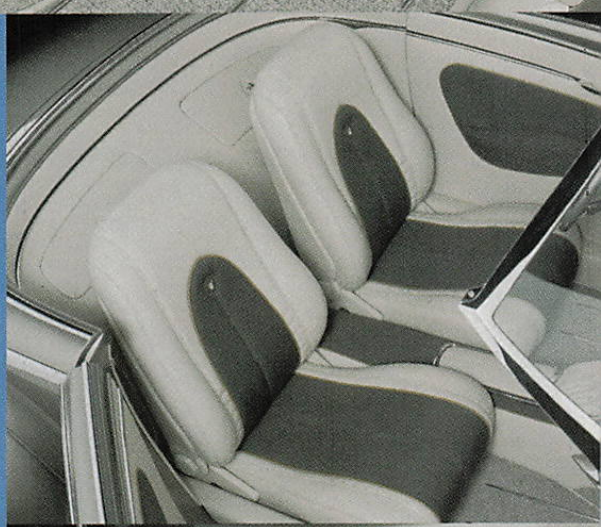
It's a "Flatisphere," or what an LS1 would have looked like under the influence of Henry Ford, and the Flathead powerplant of its day. The Flathead-appearing water inlets are really the hidden way to pour oil into the engine and check radiator fluid.

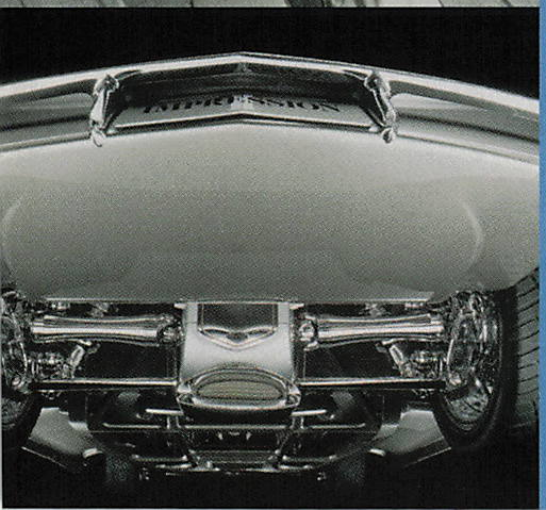
Getting down to the basics, the custom chassis from Foose Design is based on a 118-inch wheelbase that employs independent front and rear suspension utilizing C4 Corvette geometry. To this you will find Bilstein coilover shocks, BAER/PBR rotor and calipers pressed into operation through a Kugel Komponents master cylinder, and an underdash small power booster. Other Corvette components include a Vette centersection with 3.73 gears, a Posi unit, and uprights.

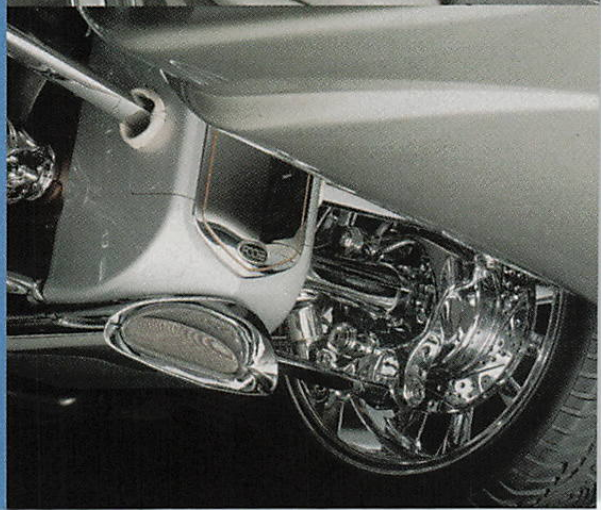
More often than not the focal point of any hot rod is its engine. The *Impression* doesn't disappoint. While a LS1 GM powerplant is used, there's no mistaking the gentle massaging that transforms this Stovebolt into a "Flatisphere." To put it into language you and I can grasp, it's a modern Flathead! Underneath the one-of-a-kind ram air intake, cloth-wrapped plug wires, hidden electrical system, and the handformed steel block cover (yes, we said *block* cover), the V-8 is painted in two-tone hues. Possibly the most clever engine appointments are the hidden water and oil fill caps, which cleverly rest beneath what appears to be the Flathead-influenced water necks running from the radiator to the engine. All isn't what it appears to be after all! Other accessories include the billet transmission oil pan with a machined lip that covers the





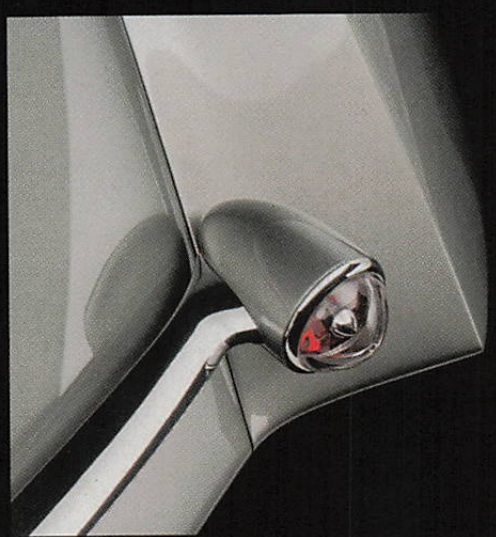


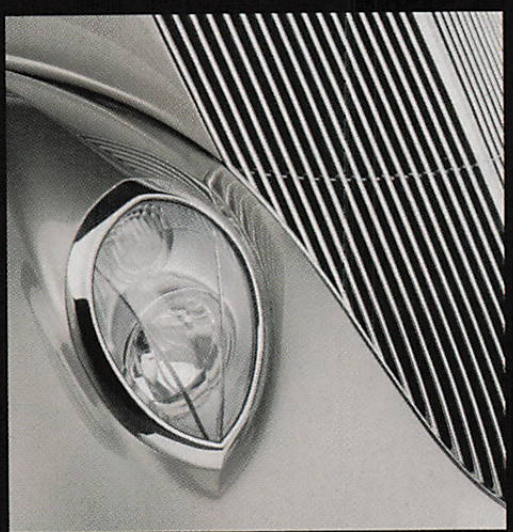




(top) Jim Griffin Interiors raised the bar for a street rod interior featuring leather (pebble) over a pair of buckets resting on airplane-quality carpet. The carbon-fiber door panels are wrapped in leather and canvas. Look closely at the instrumentation—Chip's intent was to have the gauge cluster resemble an airplane theme—can you see it?! *(If you don't see it send me an e-mail and I will give you a clue. B.B.)*
(left) The custom-built steering wheel with the airplane prop theme as well as the three-sided design element built in throughout the car is both elegant and makes a statement.
(right) The Cobra buckets were narrowed and shortened then covered with leather (pebble) and stitched with canvas inserts.
(bottom left) The independent rear suspension is a hallmark of a Foose-designed car. It features Corvette C4 geometry while utilizing a Vette centersection and uprights.
(bottom right) Look closely at the individual suspension components and you will note each continues to feature the three-sided design element. The Bilstein coilover shocks are one-of-a-kind for this project.

(far left) The Foose-designed 10-spoke wheels have five spokes emanating from the hub to the front of the wheel and five from the hub to the back of the wheel, giving the impression of an early spoke wheel. You can also see the BAER/PBR brake combination.
(left) Select your adjective for the trunk, but efficient in design and execution comes to mind. Note how the trunk hinge attachment mechanisms are hidden as are all of the attachment points used on the doors and hood of the car.
(bottom far left) The "floating" taillights (they do not touch the body, but rather are attached to the rear bumper) are '37 Ford buckets with handmade panels housing 13 LED bulbs and one-off lenses. Note there are no visible wires.
(bottom left) The headlamp is made from a pair of different-size PIAA H.I.D. lamps that are stacked, giving the appearance of the number 8. From here note the metal bars inside the custom-made lens that make up the "V," completing the time-honored V-8 logo engrained into a rodder's mind.





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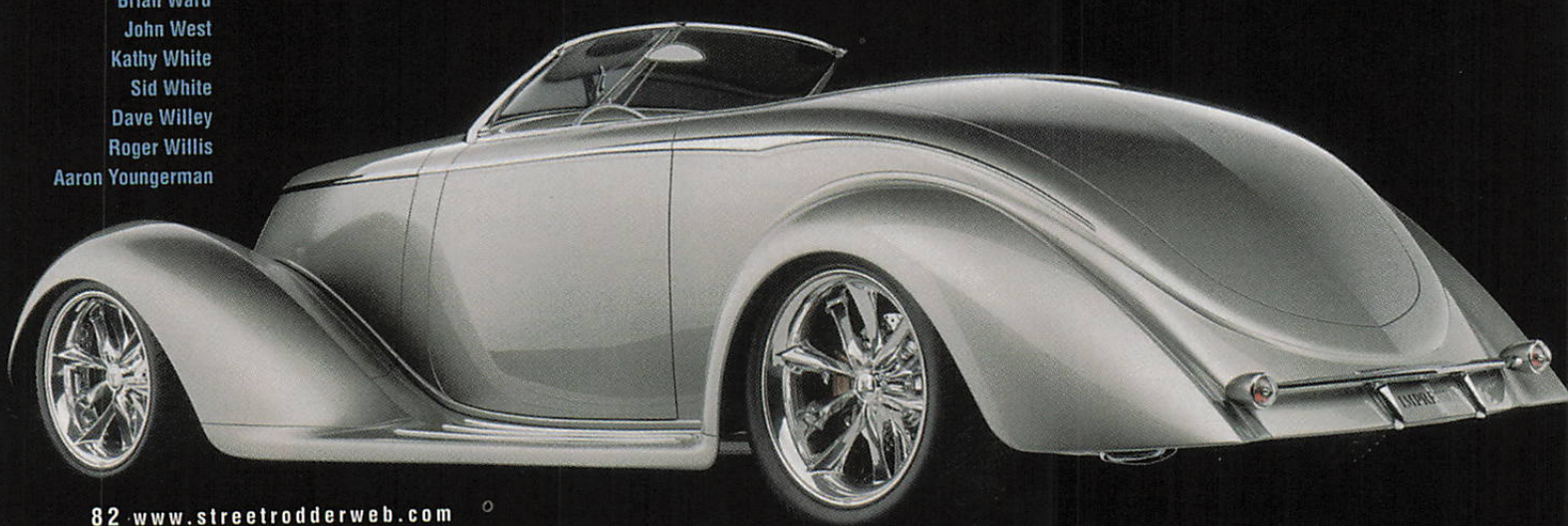
normally exposed gasket edge and the black chrome and stainless steel exhaust system.

To list the 4,000-plus custom pieces would be next to impossible, but we can tell you there are hand-cut and turned bolts, handmade body and interior moldings, an exquisite one-of-a-kind windshield frame with custom-shaped glass, and a stainless steel grille. Look closely at the one-of-a-kind BFGoodrich hand-cut 18s and 20s and you see the matching tread pattern as used on the brake and gas pedal. The wheels are more custom one-of-a-kind pieces that really require you to look closely and appreciate the style, machine work, and final finish. They were designed by Chip to be a blend of old and new—old in the design representing a spoked wheel from the '30s, while new in the use of billet and the 10-spoke execution. Again, look closely and you will see that five spokes start at the hub and radiate outward while the alternating five remaining spokes go to the inside of the wheel. Can you see the V-8 logo on each wheel? This logo appears throughout the car's design.

One cannot help but stare at the interior. Let's start with the obvious. Chip blended into the automotive cockpit influences from above. Look at the dash; can you see the airplane influence? Well, look at the center gauge (speedometer) and note how the outer gauges appear to be the engines with props turning. From here note the two dash-mounted switches, do they resemble "wheels down"? And how about the spear running across the dash and through each gauge—could this represent the wingspan? We believe the answer is yes to the above questions. Did we mention that the gauges are from a '35 Chevy with '34 Chevy graphics and are mounted from behind the custom steel dashboard?



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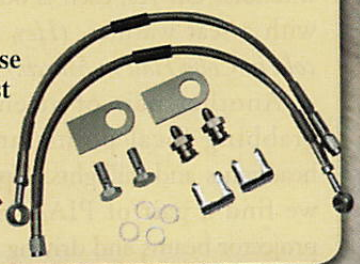

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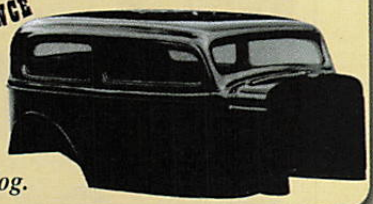

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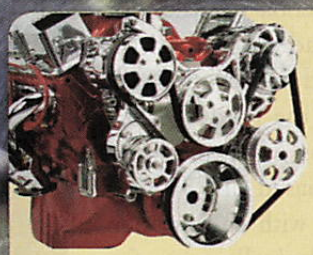

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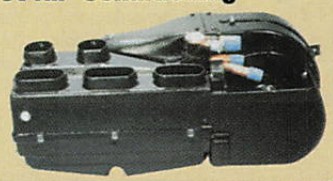

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The aircraft theme continues through the steering wheel and more subtly with the use of airplane carpeting on the floor and aircraft-type canvas as inserts on the twin buckets. Speaking of the seats, they are Cobra buckets both narrowed and shortened as part of the rework process and then covered with leather (pebble) and aircraft canvas by Jim Griffin Interiors. Oh yes, each is outfitted with a seat warmer. *(Hey, it gets cold in Cobo Hall in March!)*

Another pair of attention-grabbing focal points are the headlights and taillights. Up front we find a pair of PIAA H.I.D. projector beams and driving lamps used in conjunction to make each individual headlamp. To this a custom lens and metalwork creates the illusion of the Ford V-8 logo behind each lens. Mechanically the taillights are based on '37 Ford buckets, again, with custom, one-of-a-kind (technically two-of-a-kind) lenses, each with 13 LED bulbs to create the individual taillight. Aesthetically the taillights are a wonder to behold as they appear to be floating. They are attached to the rear bumper and not the body, and there are no visible wires to be seen. In fact, there are no visible wires anywhere on the car and you will also note that the hinges and latches have their mounting points concealed as well.

And for the coup de grâce, Chip designed each hinge, strut, suspension component, carpeting runners, and even the bars behind the headlamp lenses, to be soft-sided triangles. There are no flat sides; a slight radius is visible on each leg of each triangle designed into and throughout the entire car. Wow! Now that's what we call a coachbuilt street rod. No wonder people stand next to this street rod in sheer amazement. SR

FACTS & FIGURES

Ken Reister
Loveland, Colorado
1936 Ford roadster

CHASSIS

Frame / Manufacturer	custom / Foose Design (Huntington Beach, CA)
Wheelbase	118"
Chassis	plumbing stainless steel
Rearend / Ratio	Vette centersection & uprights / 3.73:1 (Posi)
Rear suspension	C4 Vette geometry, custom components by Foose Design
Rear brakes	BAER/PBR Vette-style, rotor one-off from BAER
Rear shocks	Bilstein coilover, one-of-a-kind
Front suspension	C4 Vette geometry, custom components by Foose Design
Front brakes	BAER/PBR C4-style
Front shocks	Bilstein coilover, one-of-a-kind
Master cylinder	Kugel Komponents (LaHabra, CA) Vette-style w/ small-diameter booster underdash-mounted
Steering	Fiat r&p
Front wheel make, size	Foose Design Impression 10-spoke, 18x8
Rear wheel make, size	Foose Design Impression 10-spoke, 20x10
Front tire make, size	BFGoodrich one-of-a-kind, 225/40R18
Rear tire make, size	BFGoodrich one-of-a-kind, 295/40R20
Gas tank custom,	16-gal

ENGINE

Make Chevrolet	LS1
Displacement	5.7L
Other engine facts	A "Flatisphere": modern engine appointed to loosely resemble a Flathead; no exposed engine wires; engine covered w/ custom shields; black chrome headers mounted to stainless steel flanges.

TRANSMISSION

Make	Chevrolet 4L60E
Shifter	Camaro w/ custom shift lever

BODY

Body style / Material	1936 Ford roadster one-of-a-kind / steel
Body manufacturer	Marcel's Custom Metal (Corona, CA)
Body mods	decklid aluminum
Hood	aluminum
Grille	stainless steel w/ Dan Fink Metalworks (Huntington Beach, CA) insert
Bodywork	Foose Design/Impression Team (Charley Hutton, Jason Martinson, Tom Marcotte, Dennis Graff, Andrew Petterson, Brian Ward)
Paint type / Color	BASF / "Chipewter"
Painter	Foose Design/Impression Team
Headlights / Taillights	PIAA H.I.D. (4) / '37 Ford buckets, handmade 13 LED bulbs, handmade lens
Outside & Interior	mirrors by Foose Design
Bumpers	one-of-a-kind Foose Design, chromed steel
Other body items	taillights "float" held in position by rear bumper, no visible wiring. All brightwork is chrome (except wheels/polished) handled by Artistic Silver Plating (Signal Hill, CA), block-sanding before chrome handled at Foose Design. One-quarter scale clay model followed by fullsize wooden buck before body was built.

INTERIOR

Dashboard	steel, custom one-of-a-kind, Foose Design
Insert / Gauges	custom one-of-a-kind steel / '35 Chevy gauges w/ '34 Chevy graphics
Stereo / Speakers	Arc Audio / Clarion
Air conditioning	Vintage Air (San Antonio, TX)
Wiring	Peter Morrell, custom
Steering wheel	Foose Design, custom
Steering column	modified ididit (Tecumseh, MI)
Seats	Cobra buckets (w/ heaters), narrowed & shortened
Upholsterer	Jim Griffin Interiors
Material / Color	leather / pebble (canvas inserts)
Carpet	aircraft style, wheat (tan)
Other interior items	door panels are carbon-fiber wrapped in leather & canvas

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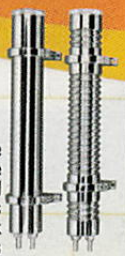

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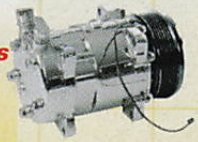

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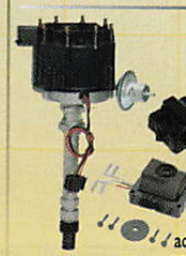

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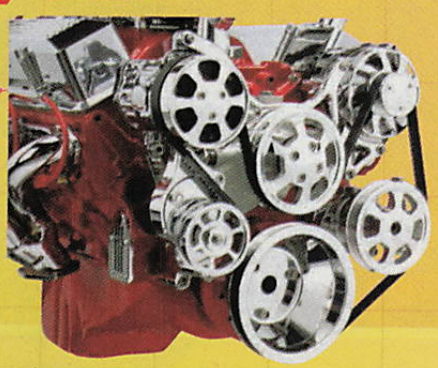

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It's not a Ford. It's not a roadster. You won't find any high-ticket, cutting-edge parts on it. No boutique renderings preceded it. It's not an international show winner. It's never even seen the bowels of a big-name shop. To be bluntly honest, this car is not famous.

However, the name of the game isn't fame—it's substance. While the big-ticket dream cars may splash big on the scene, they inevitably slip into relative obscurity, leaving the owner to justify the second mortgage and depleted retirement fund. On the other hand, this car and its street-driven hot rod brethren built on realistic means will continually reappear for decades, inevitably accompanied by their faithful stewards.

bill schroeder's liquid-silver sedan

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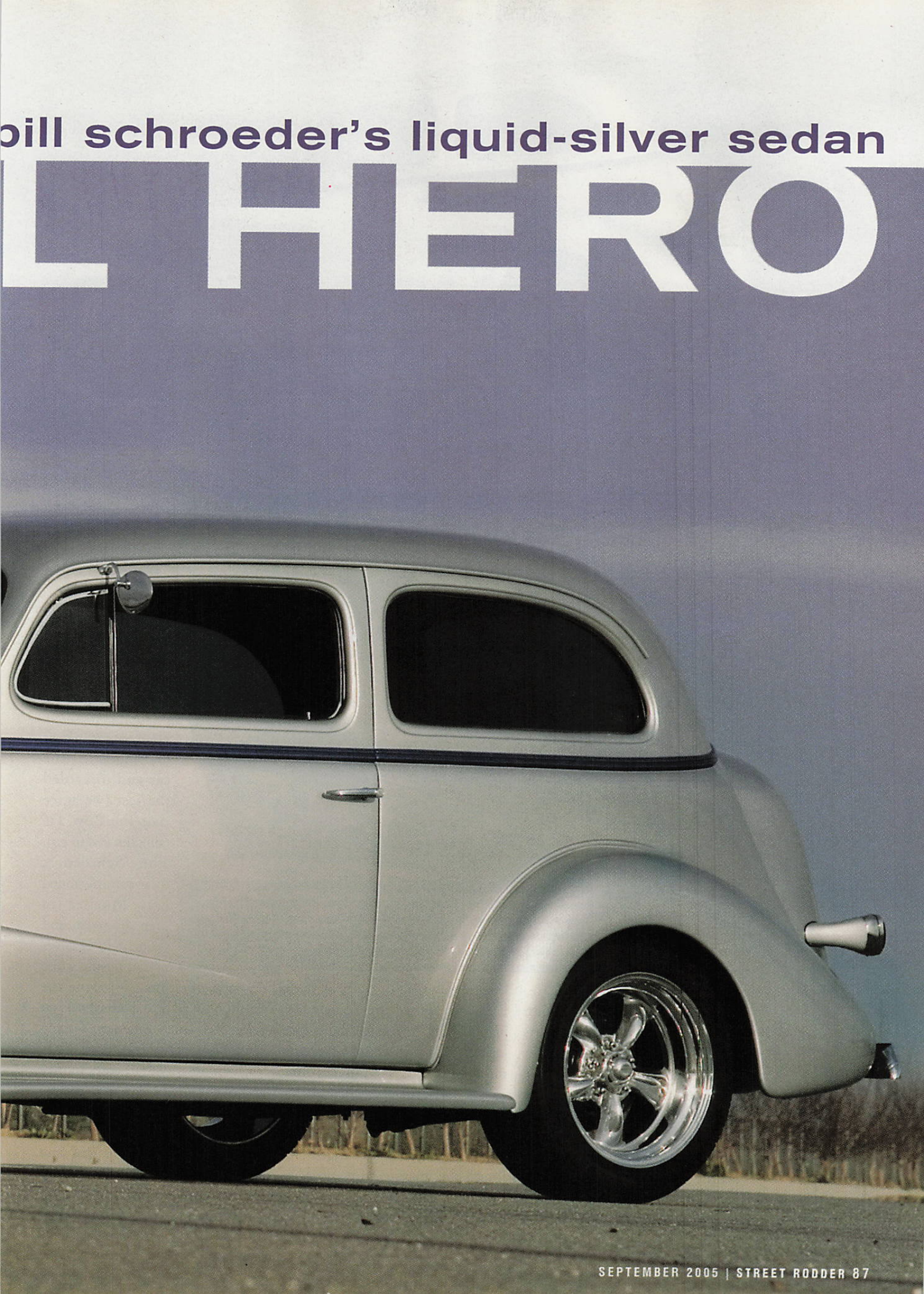
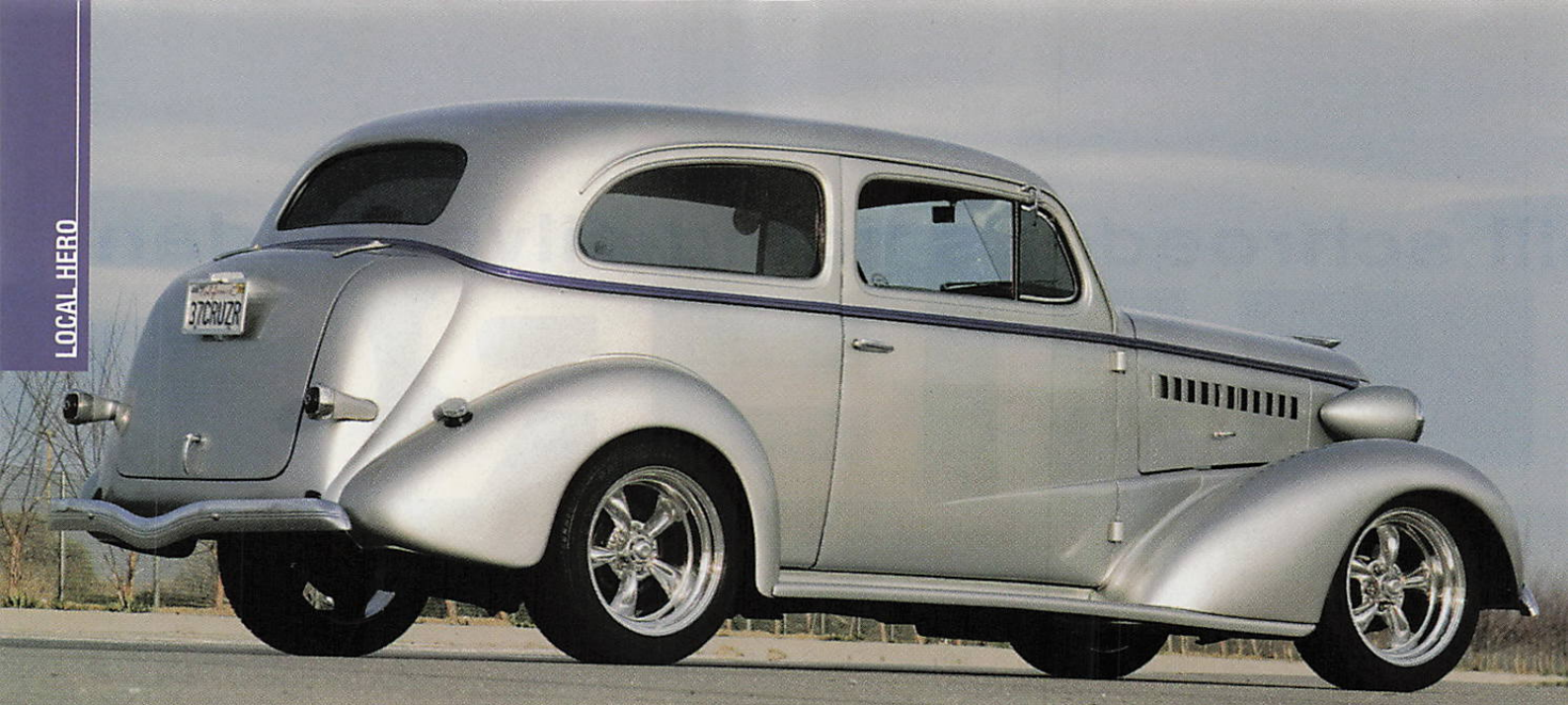


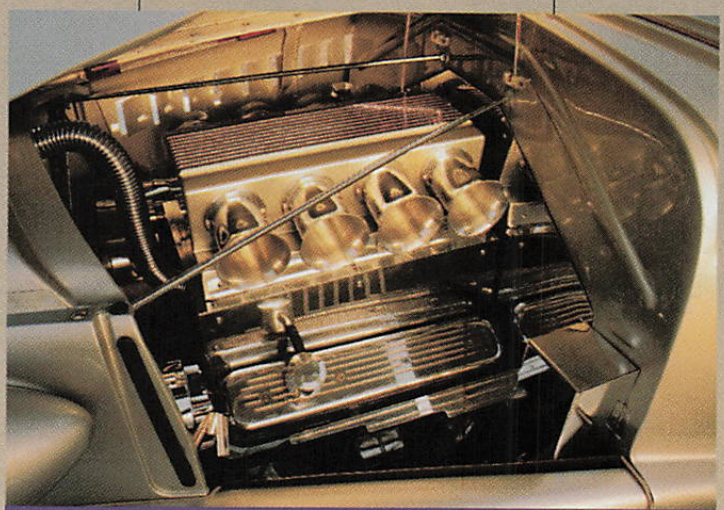


Why all the fuss about the less-than-famous? Simple: This is a bread-and-butter car. It represents the staple that keeps this industry together for the everyday enthusiast.

While it may not look like it, this car is, for all intents and purposes, traditional. Its owners built it in a time-honored way: with sweat equity, available parts, and a healthy regimen of creative adaptation. It's the same process that teenagers used half a century ago to create the things they aspired to yet couldn't afford outright.

Sue and Bill Schroeder bought this '37 Chevrolet sedan ('38 nose) as a partially completed project from Lancaster billet guru Dale Coombs. Dale, "Nomad" Randy, and Brian Suchovsky based the car on parts culled from a 1988 Chevrolet Camaro donor car. And when we say donor car, we mean it; they used everything from the engine, trans, and rearend, right on down to the Camaro's instrument panel and the throttle body injection. They also trimmed the worthless sheetmetal (the car itself) from a Mustang II crossmember. It now mounts to the sedan's framerails and wears rebuilt MII suspension components and stock-diameter disc brakes.

The Schroeders saw the car in black suede, fell in love with its touring potential, and cashed in an insurance policy to buy it from Dale. To quote the Schroeders justification, "... if we did a nice job on the car it would appreciate more than the insurance policy would." Not just that, they'd enjoy the policy's benefits while still walking the earth!



Whiz-bang fuel injection? Well yes and no; the fuel injection-inspired velocity stacks merely top a Camaro throttle-body fuel injection. The shroud is the reaction to judges' critiques at a regional show. Fred Wolgamott gets credit for the engine bay's current design—a design that took a full eight months to realize!

Johnny Aranda scrounged and found the missing trim pieces to reassemble the car properly. Hank Cogbill helped sort the cooling, suspension, and various tasks. Working with a cadre of friends, including Fred Wolgamott, Ben Kelley, Bob Bennett, Mike Arroyo, and Joe's Muffler Service, the Schroeders got the car roadworthy over a spell. Then they drove the snot out of it as a well-heeled beater.

As usual, the itch to transcend the car's beater status got the better of the Schroeders, so they picked the elements that distinguished the car and discarded the rest (we agree that the Bow Tie taillights *had* to go). The Schroeders then commissioned Eric Mueller to prep the sedan and shoot it PPG silver with a purple stripe down the beltline. Off came the 15-inch Weld Pro Star wheels in favor of 17-inch American Racing Torq-Thrust D wheels.

Trimming a sedan costs money and trimming a sedan to match its new paint is even costlier, yet a fresh-painted ride with a jagged gut just doesn't cut it. So Sue scared up a secondhand walking-foot sewing machine, loaded up on foam and tweed, and trimmed

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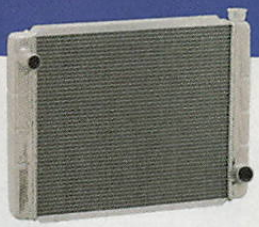

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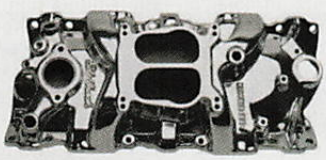

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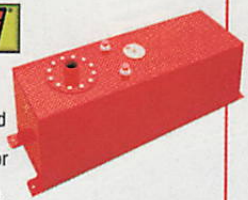

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Ask the average top-shelf builder what it took to trim their car and they'll usually respond with a big name. Sue Schroeder can respond with a name, too: hers. She and Bill transformed the sedan's cockpit into a very comfy cabin with home-brewed virtue and a secondhand commercial sewing machine. The console houses the GM overdrive shift lever. The late-model Acura seats offer contemporary comfort at a fraction of the cost. Sue's future trim plans include leather hides for that additional classiness.

A proud home-brew car shows the marks of its prior owners. In this case the sedan still features several machined aluminum pieces like the license light housing that Dale Coombs machined for it.

Yep, it has bumpers and nope, they aren't Chevy pieces. The Schroeders' sedan wears a set of 1935-'36 Ford nerfs. The front dips nicely to showcase the Old Chicago '38 grille.

away. To say she did a great job for a first try undermines the quality; she did a fine job … period.

Sue and Bill Schroeder's sedan may not have pedigree or pampering on its side. However, it has good bones, good character, and a story for each thing they did to it. Now how many blue-blood catalog cars can make that claim? SR

FACTS & FIGURES

Sue and Bill Schroeder

Lancaster, California
1937 Chevrolet sedan

CHASSIS

Frame / Manufacturer	stock hat-section / Chevrolet
Wheelbase	112"
Chassis plumbing	steel Bundy line, inverted flare fittings
Rearend / Ratio	'88 Chevrolet Camaro 10-bolt / 3.73:1
Rear suspension	GM F-body torque-arm, stock anti-rollbar, adjustable mounts, KYB Gas-A-Just monotube gas shocks
Rear brakes	Camaro drum
Front suspension	Ford Mustang II crossmember, stock springs, KYB Gas-A-Just monotube shocks
Front brakes	9.5" Mustang II disc
Master cylinder	Corvette dual-circuit/8" booster on stock brake bellcrank
Steering box	Ford r&p
Front wheel make, size	American Racing (Rancho Dominguez, CA) Torq-Thrust D, 17x7
Rear wheel make, size	American Racing Torq-Thrust D, 17x8
Front tire make, size	Ultra HPH Radial GT, 235/45R-17
Rear tire make, size	Ultra HPH Radial GT, 245/45R-17
Gas tank	'37 Chevrolet 13-gal
Other chassis items	relocated spring off rear axle & recessed coil spring buckets to lower car

ENGINE

Make	Chevrolet
Displacement	305ci
Radiator	Griffin aluminum
Alternator	Delco 130-amp
Valve covers	ball-milled billet
Induction	GM throttle-body injection
Ignition / Wires	GM computer-controlled HEI / MSD (El Paso, TX)
Headers	Sanderson (S. San Francisco, CA) 1 5/8" blockhuggers
Exhaust / Mufflers	aluminized 2 1/2" steel / Walker Exhaust, MegaFlow (Jackson, MI)
Other engine facts	custom sheetmetal aluminum air box of unknown origins

TRANSMISSION

Make	700-R4

BODY

Body style / Material	two-door sedan / steel
Body manufacturer	Fisher Body Works
Body mods	2" widened fiberglass fenders & running boards, '38 Chevrolet front sheetmetal
Grille	Old Chicago (Vancouver, WA) stainless 1938
Bodywork	Eric Mueller (Palmdale, CA)
Paint type / Color	PPG / metallic silver
Painter	Eric Mueller
Headlights / Taillights	Zoops (Banning, CA) tri-bar / '37 Chevrolet w/ blue dot inserts
Outside mirror	I&I Reproductions (Paramount, CA)
Bumpers	'36 Ford

INTERIOR

Dashboard	'37 Chevrolet
Insert / Gauges	billet aluminum panel / 1988 Chevrolet Camaro
Audio	Sony X-Plod head unit; XS-V1621 and 6x9 triaxial drivers installed by Bill Schroeder
Air conditioning	GEM Street Rod Products (Covina, CA)
Steering wheel	Impy's Hot Rod (La Verne, CA)
Seats	Acura buckets, unknown vintage
Upholsterer	Sue Schroeder; materials from J&J Auto Fabrics (Rialto, CA)
Material / Color	tweed / Sherpa Gray and Fortress Violet
Carpet	silver cut-loop
Seatbelts	J&J Auto Fabrics

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FAIR NING

mike warn's *lowla* is a sight to behold

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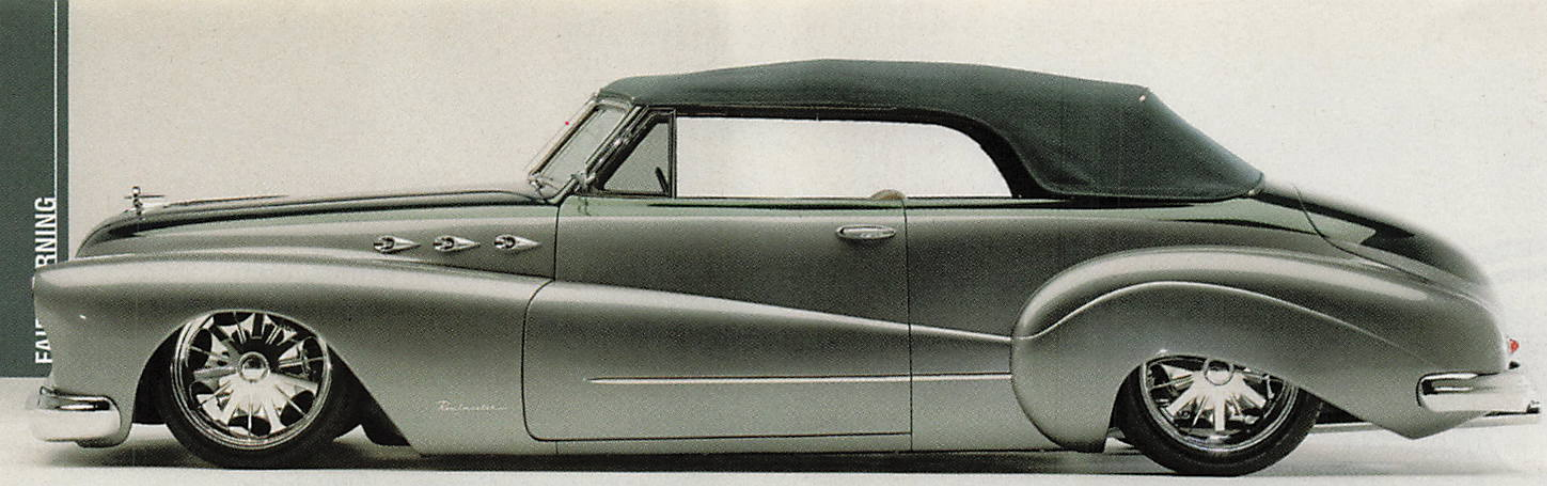

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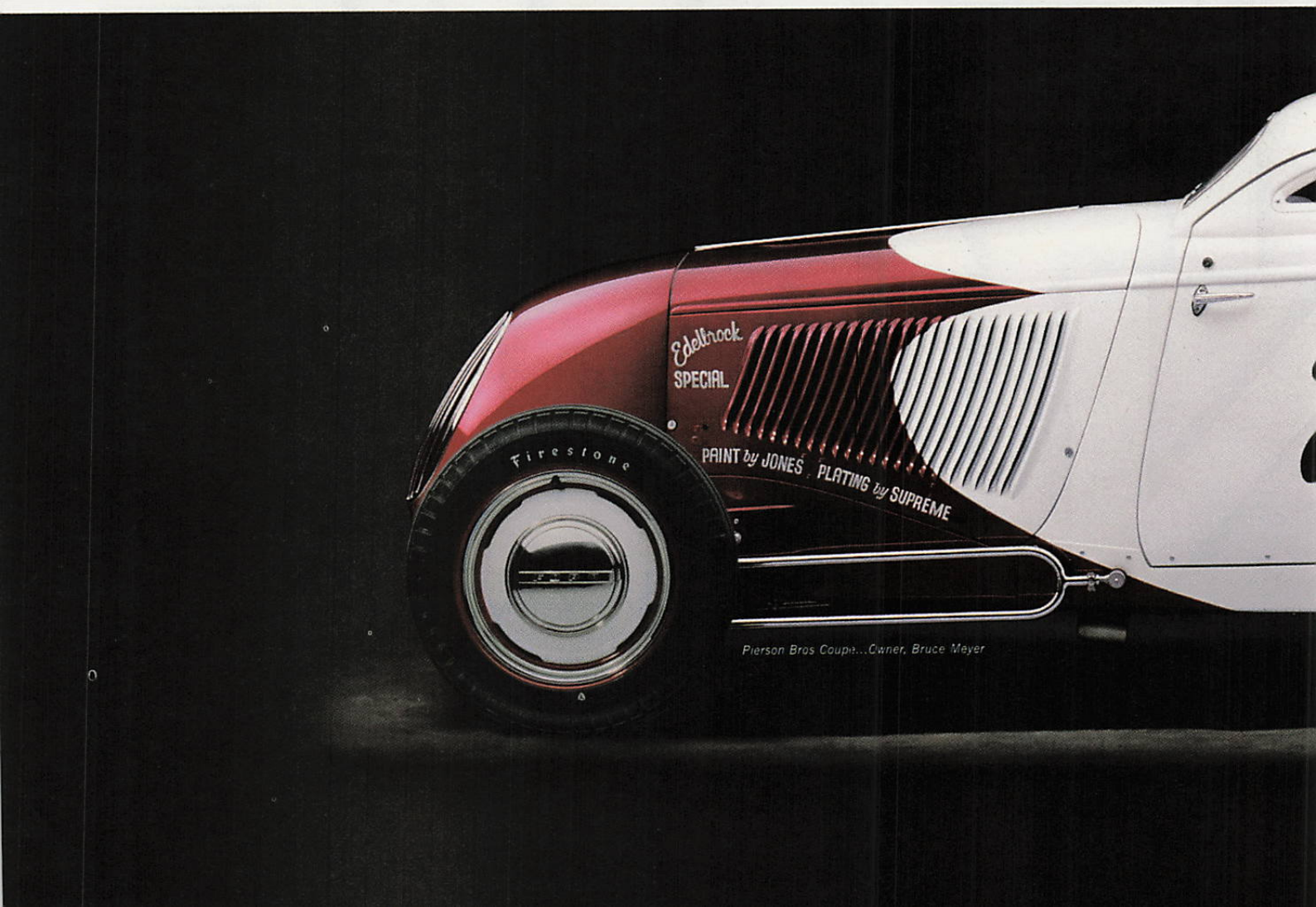
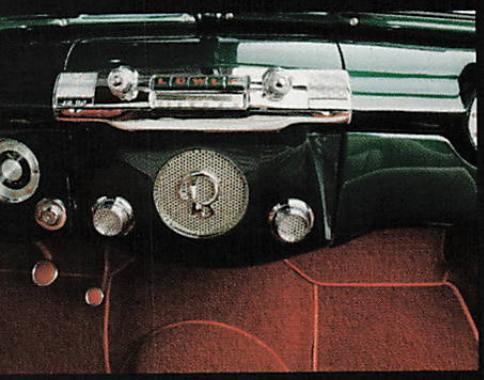
Finding inspiration as his two sons were reaching the age in which Mike himself became interested in cars, he decided it was time to build a street rod. Mike always felt bigger cars were long overlooked and were bound to make a comeback. He had purchased a '48 Buick from a local restorer and stored it in his garage for years before finally deciding to bring the dream to its fruition.

When Mike originally approached Tim Divers at Divers Hot Rods in Snohomish, Washington, the objective was to just build a nice driver, but as most of us know, one thing often leads to another, and another, and another, and well, you get the picture. As Mike and Tim started to brainstorm the direction of the old Buick, it started to become apparent that what this car needed was more than simply a motor swap. If the straight-eight and Dyna-flow transmission were to be replaced, the frame would have to be modified to accept whatever they decided to drop into its place. The rearend would also be discarded, as would the stock rear suspension, and you might as well do the front while you're at it. At this point, they decided that the way to go was with an aftermarket chassis. Art Morrison was contacted to build an Air Ride-equipped chassis that would accept the 502ci big-block Chevy and 4L80E trans with four-wheel disc brakes and from there the snowball was set into motion.

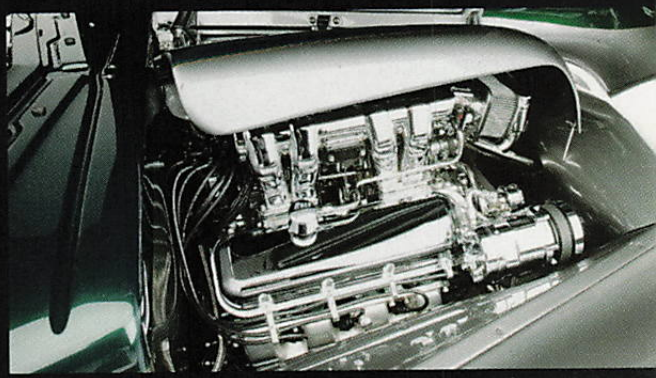
Once they came to the conclusion that they weren't dealing

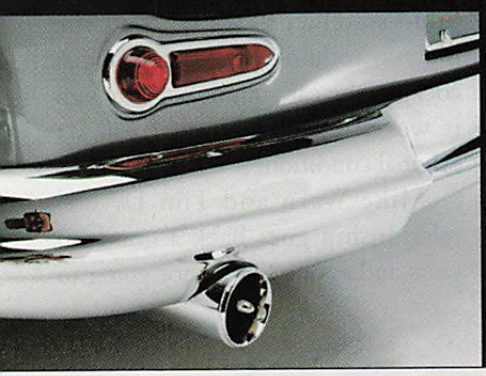


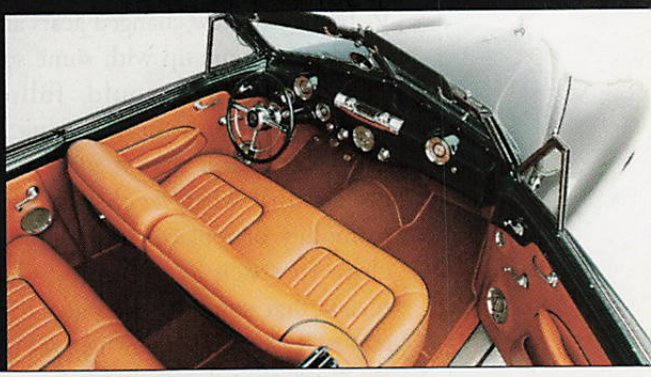
Pierson Bros Coupe...Owner, Bruce Meyer



(above left & center) One of the trickest aspects of the Buick is the way all the modern features have been carefully hidden. In this case, simply a trunk full of luggage hides the CD changer, amplifier, and subwoofer. *(above right)* With the push of a button, the stock radio flips up to reveal a DVD touch screen navigator, while inside the glovebox resides the controls for the Vintage Air and Air Ride Technologies systems. *(left)* The stock radio received the same treatment as the gauges, but bears the car's nickname, *Lowla*. *(right)* Under the hood lurks the 502hp BBC, polished to perfection and covered with a custom intake cover. *(below left)* Taillights are stock items, flipped 180 degrees to flow with the trunk better. The rear bumper has been cut, sectioned, and pulled tighter to the body, with a cutout for the billet exhaust tips to poke through. *(below right)* With the dash closed up, the car looks as if it just rolled out of the factory.







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with the usual "freshen up and drive it" build, the crew changed gears and decided to come up with some sort of theme they would follow throughout. With the car being in the great shape that it was, they decided that whatever they decided to modify or replace would look as close to stock as possible. That meant that some of the parts they removed were used elsewhere on the car. Parts from the fenders were used on the hood; parts from the hood were used on the quarter-panels, etc. This effort was all based on trying to keep the car looking as if it could have rolled off the assembly line in 1948. The Divers' crew even went so far as to bronze-cast certain things, such as the front trio of portholes and the Buick emblems that adorn the front speaker grilles, as opposed to making the pieces out of billet.

Trying to keep a car that has been reworked on every panel appear stock is rather difficult, but has been pulled off expertly by the crew at Divers Street Rods. The bumpers have been cut in nearly 15 pieces and reassembled, the front upside down. Both wheel openings have been modified, the rear receiving a completely custom-made skirt that follows the stock beltline. The hood was trimmed, with a 3-inch section being taken out to match its profile with the rest of the car. The stock grille was retained, with an extra piece of chromed stainless added at the bottom to better finish the surround. Headlights are High Intensity Discharge type-modified to fit in the stock location, while the taillights are stock '48 Buick's rotated 180 degrees.

Inside the car, more surprises abound. Stock-appearing gauges are actually restored with updated sending units, while the stock radio is just a façade to what lies inside.

The seats were covered in Scottish leather, but not before they were retrofitted with six-way power and heaters.

With the push of a button, the stock radio flips up to reveal a DVD touch-screen navigator, while inside the glovebox resides the controls for the Vintage Air and Air Ride Technologies systems. The electric window controls are hidden in the stock window cranks, the stock steering column remains intact, while the stock steering wheel was chopped 2 inches in diameter. The seats were covered in Scottish leather, but not before they were retrofitted with six-way power and heaters. To say the interior has creature comforts is an understatement! Yet with all the modern technology looming in the cockpit, the car still looks as though it was simply restored from its original condition.

Mike Warn and Tim Divers' relationship goes back a good 20 years and is one that is not going to end any time soon. Tim's already busy on a new project for Mike, but this time they're taking a slightly different approach. We won't give anything away right now, but if it's anything like their latest creation, we're already excited about it. SR

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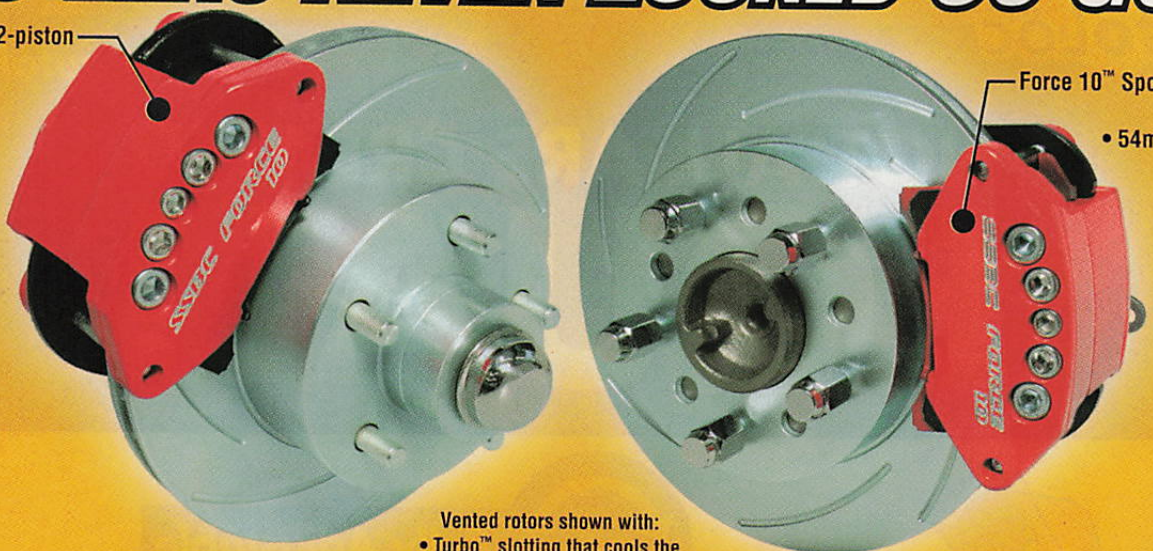

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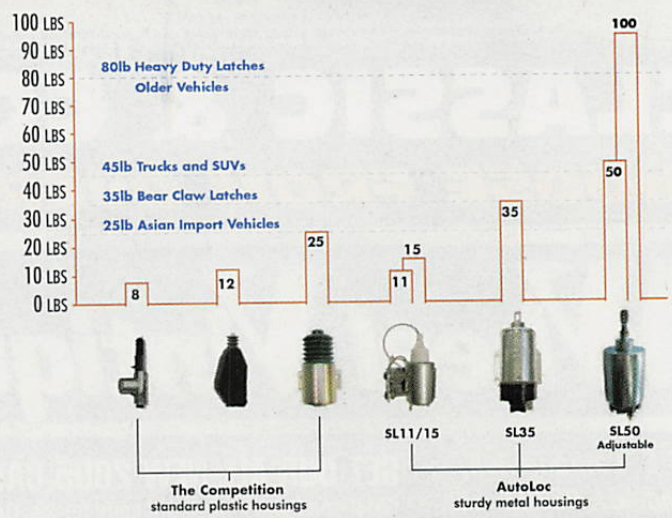

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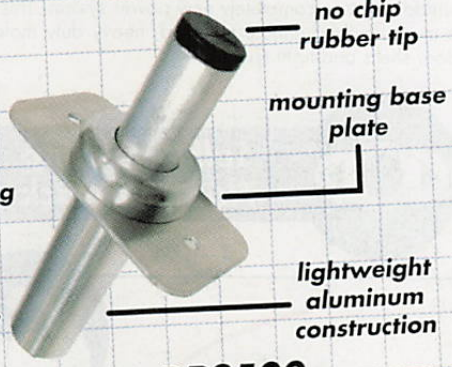

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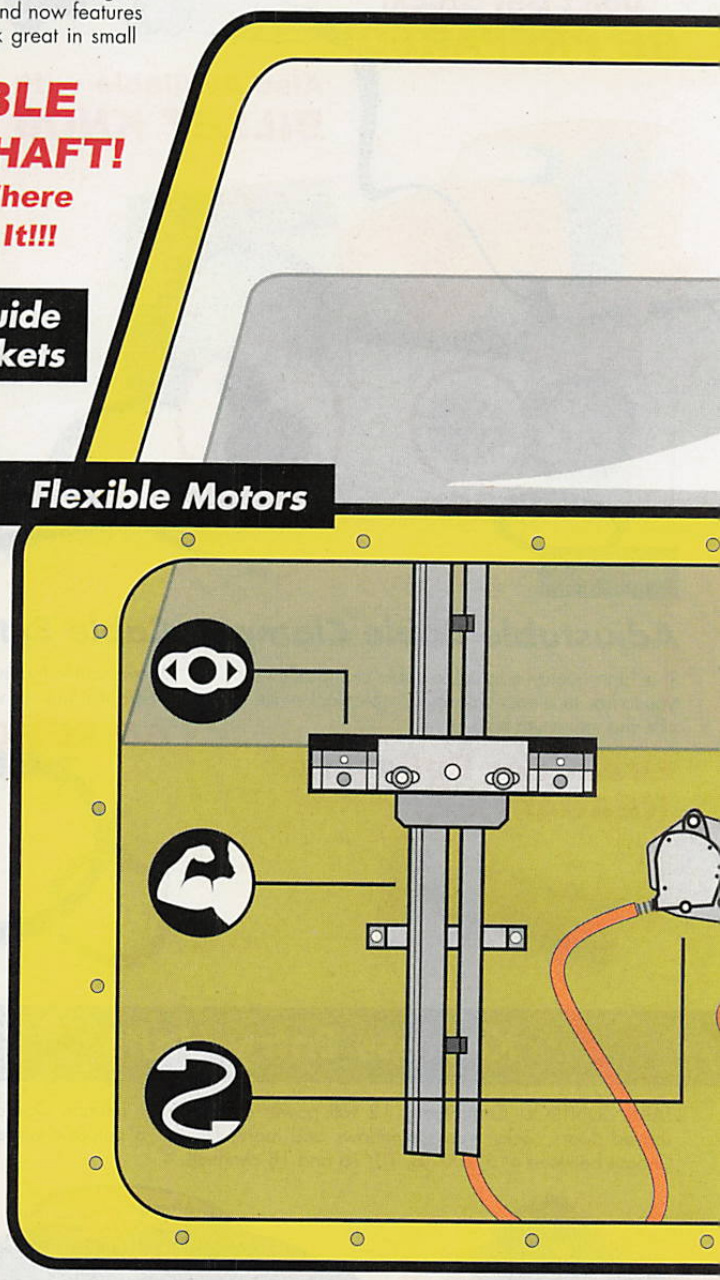

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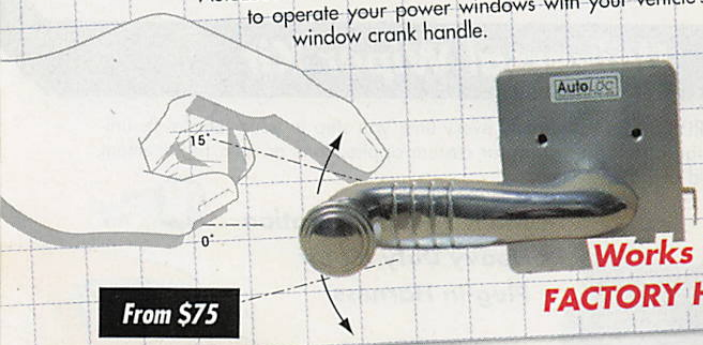

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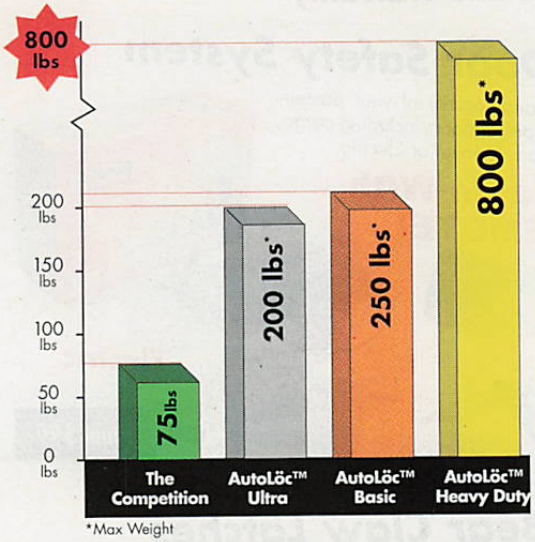

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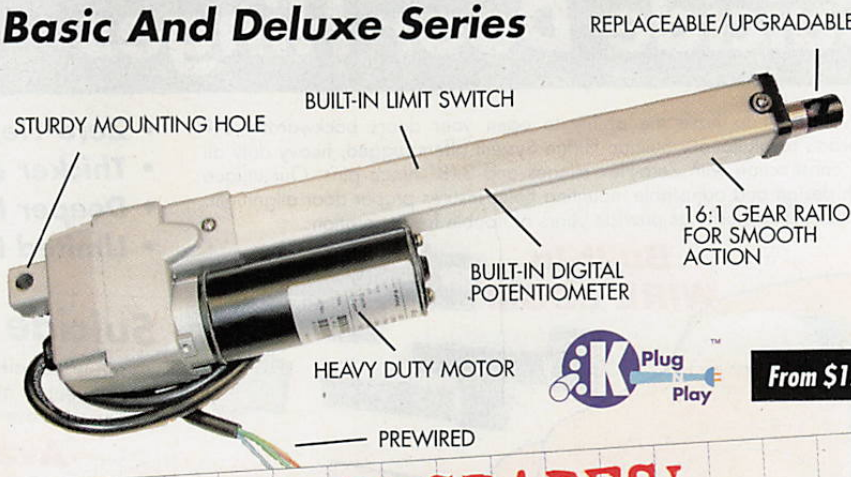

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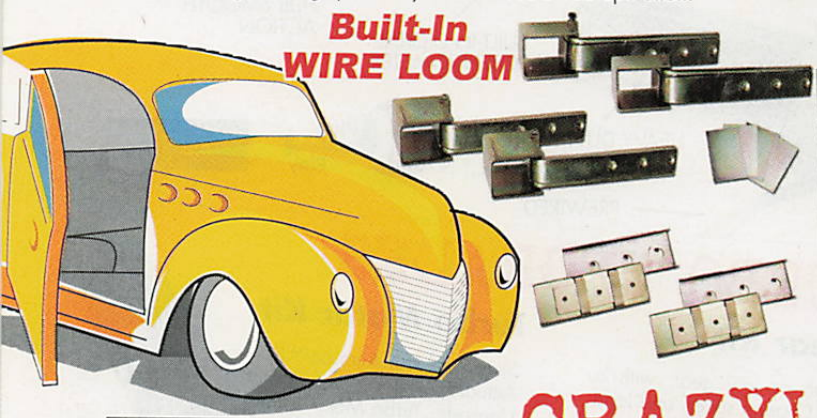

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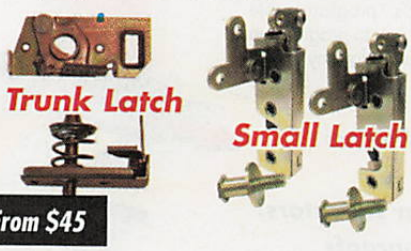

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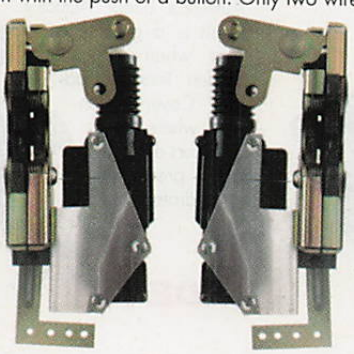

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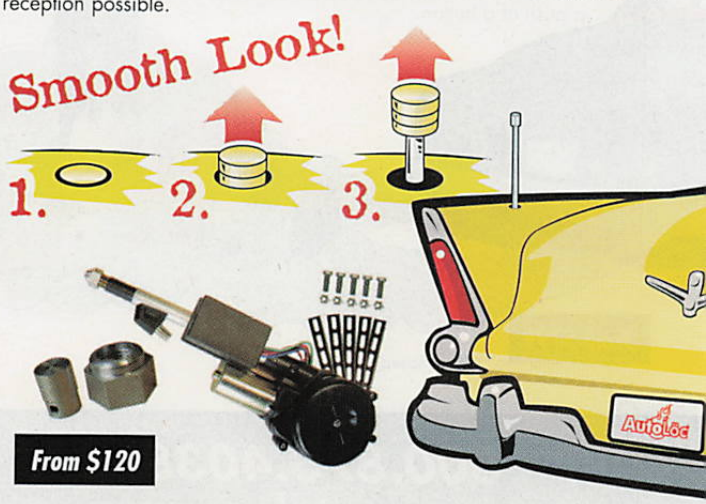

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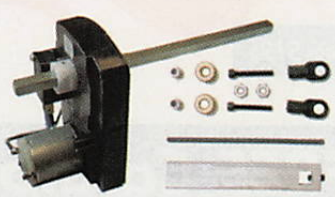

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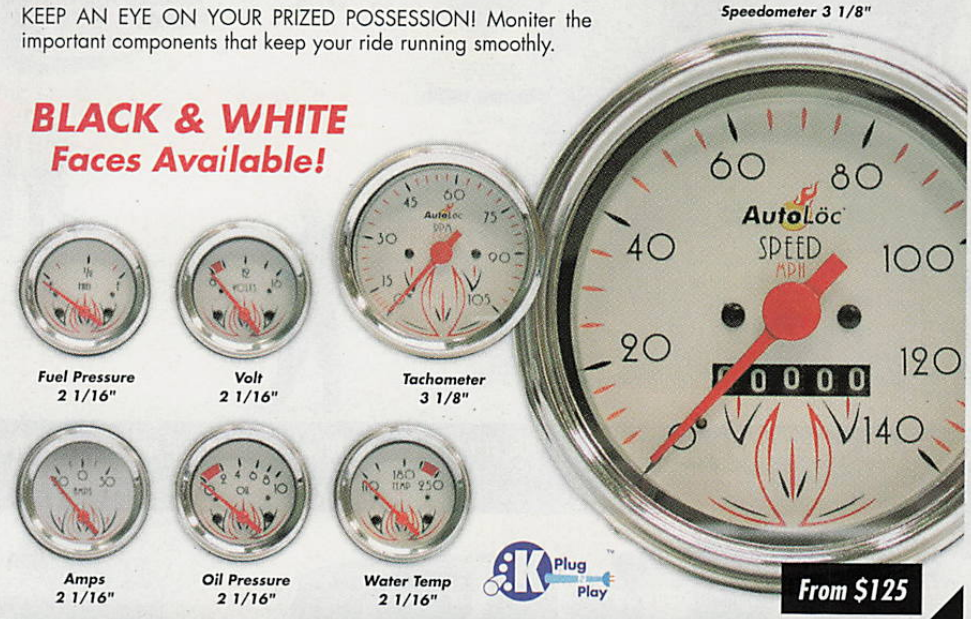

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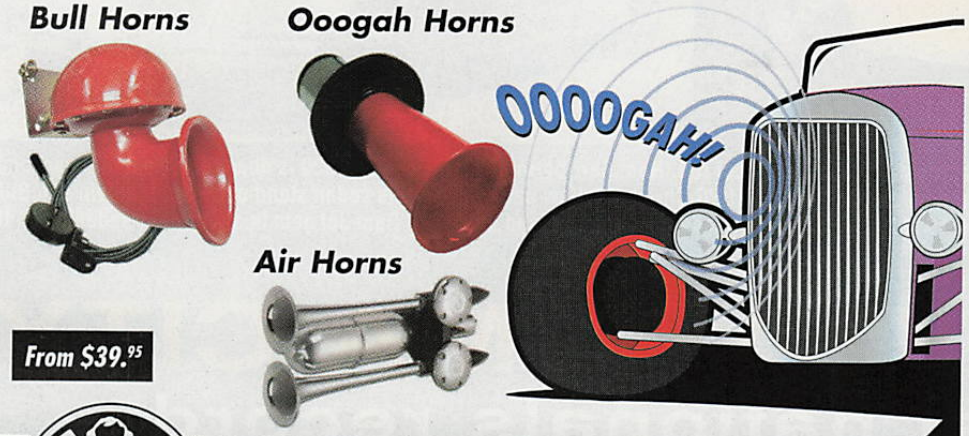

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1948 Buick Roadmaster

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Frame / Manufacturer	Art Morrison (Fife, WA)
Wheelbase	129"
Modifications	one-off chassis
Chassis plumbing	stainless
Rearend / Ratio	Strange Engineering (Morton Grove, IL) / 3.70:1
Rear suspension	Air Ride Technologies (Jasper, IN)
Rear brakes	Wilwood Engineering disc (Camarillo, CA)
Front suspension	Air Ride Technologies independent
Front brakes	Wilwood disc
Master cylinder	Kugel Komponents (La Habra, CA)
Steering box	Mustang II power r&p
Front wheel make, size	Budnik Wheels (Huntington Beach, CA) one-off, 20x8.5"
Rear wheel make, size	Budnik Wheels one-off, 20x10"
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Manifold / Induction	GM Ram Jet
Headers	Sanderson Headers (S. San Francisco, CA)
Exhaust / Mufflers	2 1/2" HPC coated / Borla Performance Industries (Oxnard, CA)

TRANSMISSION

Make	GM 4L80E

BODY

Body style / Material	Convertible / steel
Body manufacturer	Buick
Bodywork	Rich Thayer & Shawn Mc Nalley / Nick Lampert, Russ, Scott, & Tim Divers
Paint type / Color	PPG / Jaguar Green, Porsche Seal Grey
Painter	Rich Thayer at R & J Customs (Enumclaw, WA)
Graphics	Donn Trethewey (Port Townsend, WA)
Headlights / Taillights	High-Intensity Discharge / '48 Buick rotated 180 degrees
Bumpers	sectioned & reworked, inverted front bumper

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Upholsterer	Scott Divers Design Studio (Snohomish, WA)
Material / Color	Andrew Muirhead Fine Scottish Leather / Dumbarton 3940
Carpet	Mercedes-Benz

The NSRA Southwest Nationals saw a record broken this year in Oklahoma City. There were 1,984 street rods registered for the event and the spectators covered the state fairgrounds all weekend.

(left) When was the last time you saw an Essex? It probably was not a street rod. Roc, Carrie, and Kyle Stricklin's 1929 is powered by a 350 Chevy and stops with four-wheel disc brakes, and coilovers smooth out the ride. The PPG Chrome Yellow paint makes this sedan stand out. *(right)* Velvin and Billie Jo Carter from Ft. Worth, TX, own this big beautiful 1934 Buick. A big car needs a big engine, and a GM 502 Ram Jet gets this four-door sedan down the road with no problems.

NSRA OKLAHOMA CITY

a southwest nationals record

Brad Goodheart's 1941 Ford pickup is chopped and the doors were lengthened 6 inches, all resting on an Art Morrison chassis. The tailgate is side-hinged, the doors open suicide-style and the center of the bed is hinged for access to the Air Ride components and fuel tank. Carefree Auto Body applied the custom paint and graphics.

BY JERRY DIXEY

While the Northern and Midwestern states were still digging out from the wrath of a severe winter, Oklahoma City was into full springtime gear by early April. Since, for many parts of the country, summer is still a long way off, the Southwest Nationals kickoff to the National Street Rod Association season has proven to be very popular with street rodders from all across the country. By Saturday afternoon, 1,984 street rods were cruising the huge Oklahoma State Fairgrounds.

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The weekend got off to a great start on Thursday evening. Over 300 street rods showed up for a cookout hosted by Liz and Cody Parr at Parr Automotive.

Liz and Cody Parr and the entire Parr Automotive staff again greeted folks on Thursday evening with an open house. There were over 300 street rods in attendance and everyone enjoyed the food, beverage, and especially the door prizes.

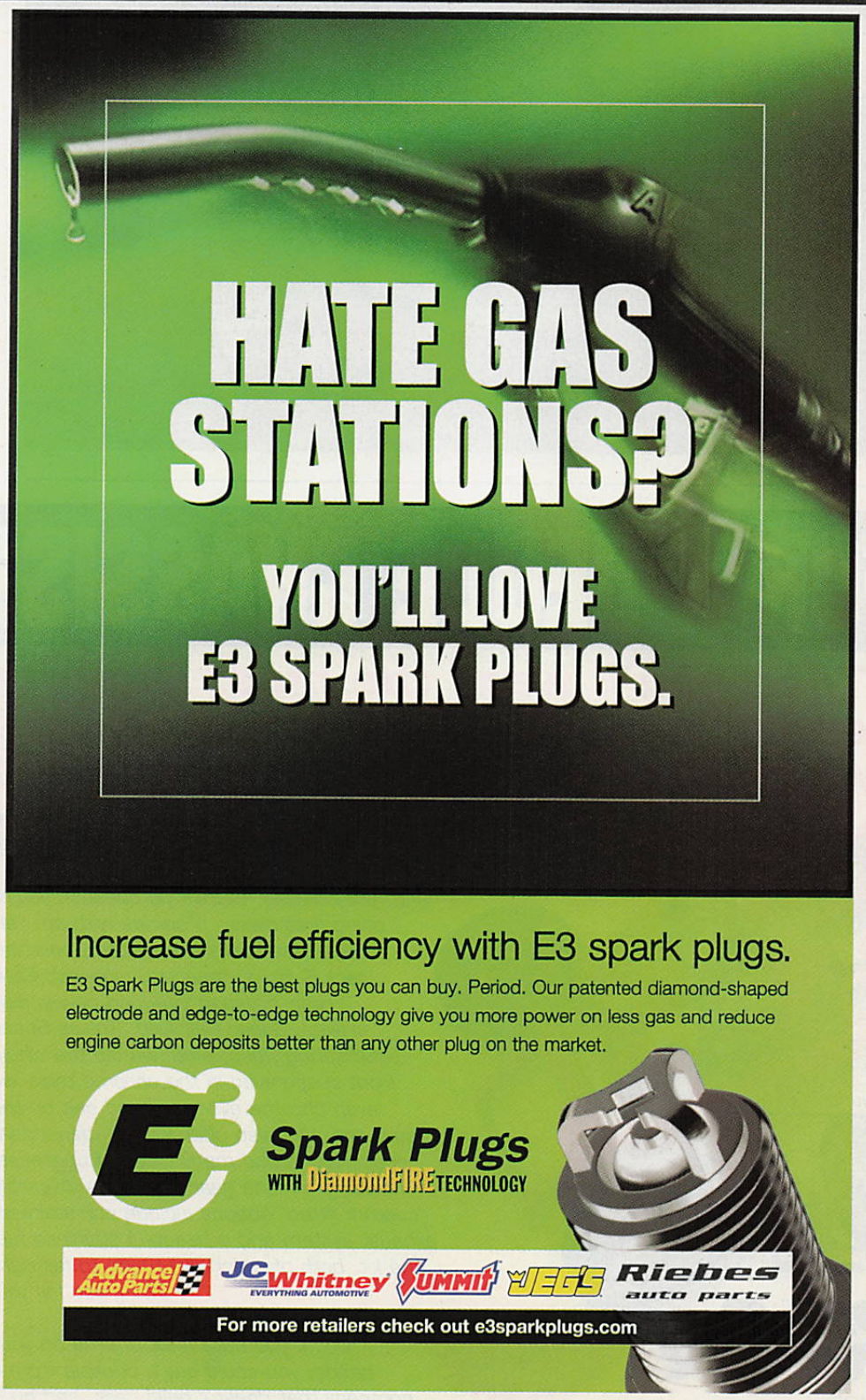
On Friday morning at the fairgrounds the rods started to line up early for the parade through the streets of downtown Oklahoma City. Over 100 vehicles gave the folks of the city a taste of what could be seen at the fairgrounds over the weekend.

After a day of great weather, with temperatures in the '70s, the merchants from the Bricktown entertainment area and the Convention and Visitors Bureau invited all the street rodders to an evening of food and fun. A special parking area for street rods was set up and everyone enjoyed the restaurants and clubs in the historic Bricktown area.

The wonderful weather continued on Saturday and so did the activities at the fairgrounds. Record crowds of rods and spectators enjoyed the Streets of Rods, the large swap meet area, and shopping at the displays of the 90 vendors that were displaying their wares. The NSRA Safety Inspection team was busy over the weekend, with a record 305 vehicles inspected. There were lots of happy street rodders in attendance as over $96,000 in Super Prizes were given out over the weekend.

Sunday's perfect weather made it three in a row and the crowds started to gather earlier for the 2 p.m. awards ceremonies. Over 30 special street rods were on display and were given special recognition from the stage by the event director, Tom Biles. The *Long Distance Award* went to Myra and Perry Brochner, who made the trip to Oklahoma City from their home in Bremerton, Washington. Next year's dates of April 7, 8, and 9 were announced and then William Gregory's name was drawn as the winner of the 2005 Chevrolet Colorado pickup.

If the kickoff event of the NSRA schedule is any indication, the 2005 rod run season should be another great one. SR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OK, we admit it looks like Brookville stamped the whole side of the car as one piece, but that's not the case. They simply assembled a doorskin to a side skin for maximum display impact. For the record, that's Kenny Gollahon propping the panel up. He's mostly responsible for these Deuce reproductions.

BY CHRIS SHELTON

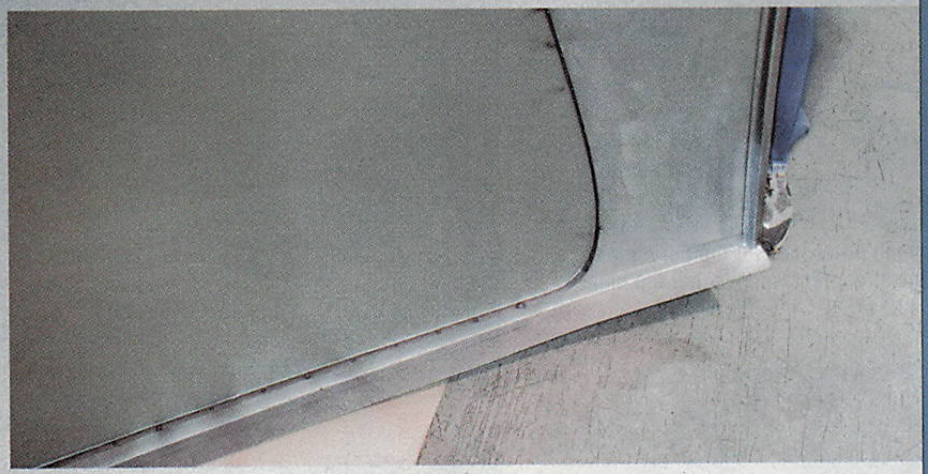
MAGNUM OPUS DEUCE

brookville ups the ante ... three-window style

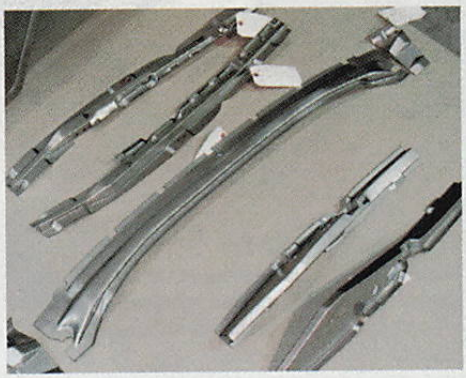
Any self-respecting magazine editor wants nothing but current and up-to-date information. It's the name of the game. However, this is one of those situations where we're wishing that we're hopelessly out of date by the time this issue reaches newsstands.

Believe us, it's not because we're self-defeatist. Attribute our attitude to the fact that Brookville Roadster, the purveyors of top-quality Ford reproduction Model A and Deuce Roadster bodies and body panels, tooled up to manufacture the Holy Grail of Hotrodderdom: the Deuce three-window coupe. And when we dropped by just before the cusp of spring, they hadn't just pounded out a few panels; they had a good part of the car itself hanging in the rafters. These weren't one-off hand-beat panels to entice the masses with the prospect of their own coupe body; these were honest-to-goodness stamped parts—the byproduct of real stamping dies that are capable of producing many more panels.

Needless to say, this excites us enough to hope that Brookville renders our story good and obsolete by the time this reaches your hot little hands; we want to get *our* hands on this hot little body!



While Brookville's body is faithful to the original's dimensions, they did make a few slight manufacturing changes. Thirties' era technological constraints and the need for mass-produced replacement panels required Ford to stamp several distinct panels and assemble them to build a body. Contemporary deep-draw technology and the current market's higher body-to-panel demand prompted Brookville to eliminate the roof, quarter, header, and sill seams and stamp each body side as one piece.



(left) As incredible as a body side is, it still isn't much without the inner structure. Think of each one of these dash- and doorjamb-support panels as at least two or three *sets* of dies. *(right)* The door's inner structure is no small feat, either. It's just as, if not more, complex than the outer skin yet it'll probably never see the light of day.

The door's leading edge features the same hinge pocket dimensions and body reveals as the originals—right down to the door-check strap slot. And yes, they're casting the hinges as we speak, too. Even the hinge pins required specialized machining. Note the extensive spot welding required to assemble these relatively simple-looking panels.

To understand the immense proportions of this task, refer to the Shop Tour we published in the October 2003 issue. Over the relatively recent past, Ray Gollahon transformed Brookville Roadster from a grassroots reproduction sheetmetal shop into a full-fledged body manufacturer. Drafting Ray's son Kenny to the rolls in 1997 only kicked the creativity and production into overdrive; by 1998 they released the body at the L.A. Roadster's Father's Day show.

The splash that body made and the subsequent demand for it only stoked the fires. "Next?" we asked. "How 'bout a three-window body," they answered. After all, the low supply of virgin three-window tin and the high demand for anything three-window seems to justify the risk.

Or so it seems; if the jump from Model A to Deuce roadster was a big leap, the jump from a Deuce roadster to a Deuce three-window might as well be to the moon. First off, the three-window has a top, a windshield mechanism, and complete doors with radically different construction. But it isn't just a top on a Deuce roadster body; the three-window Deuce is a completely different monster made by a completely different body manufacturer back in the day.

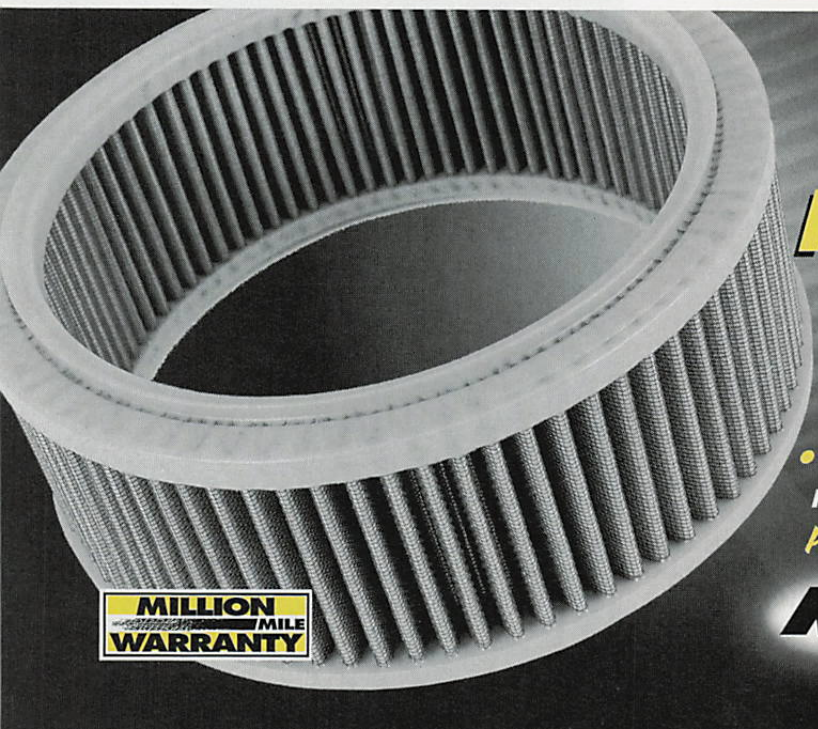
First off, the three-window has longer doors that open from the front. The quarter-panels feature a more rounded profile and no five-window or roadster reveal around the trunk. Even the rear apron differs; it bulges out over the tank enough to require a dimple to clear the fuel filler. A three-window body also hangs over the frame by a slight, albeit definite, margin. The dash even differs—it also boasts a glove compartment. That should justify the six years they took to mull the option over. They tooled up last year and already had a big part of the car ready before the 2005 Hotrod and Restoration Trade Show at Indy.

Brookville approached the coupe body with much the same angle they used on the roadster; they disassembled a virgin three-window body (sacrificed to the gods? No, they'll reassemble it). Then they scanned, digitized, and rendered the body's dimensions in a CAD/CAM application. "We wanted to make a perfect copy," Kenny Gollahon says, "but we also wanted to be able to make parts that would fit existing factory three-window parts."

The door's forward edge maintains the handle boss and the provisions for the Ford latch mechanism. Brookville even stamped the pockets for the alignment wedges into the inner panels' leading edges.

(left) The door's top view reveals the stock window-channel depression and the extensive bulge through the body's midsection. *(right)* The stories of three-window garnish moldings fetching home down-payment prices may be over; this is an actual door window garnish molding in the flesh. Closer inspection reveals a stamped finish—these are manufactured, *not hand-fabricated*, pieces.

Yes, this is a *real* three-window decklid. Not even it shares dimensions with the five-window or roadster shape. The inner structure also mimics the original right down to the hinge and latch bosses.



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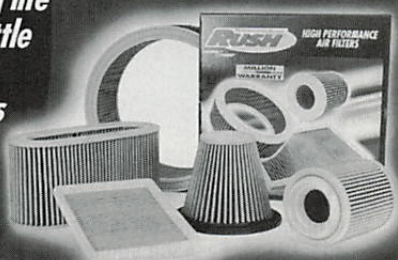

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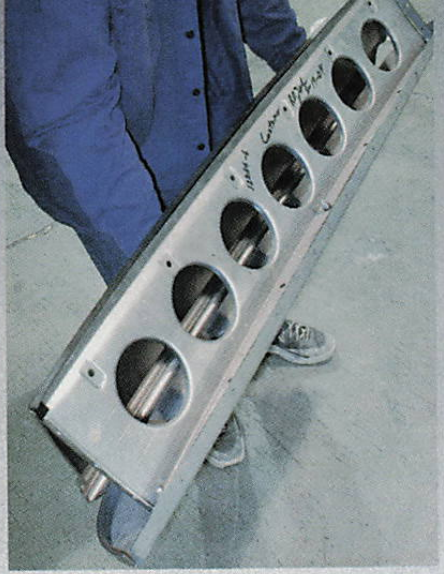
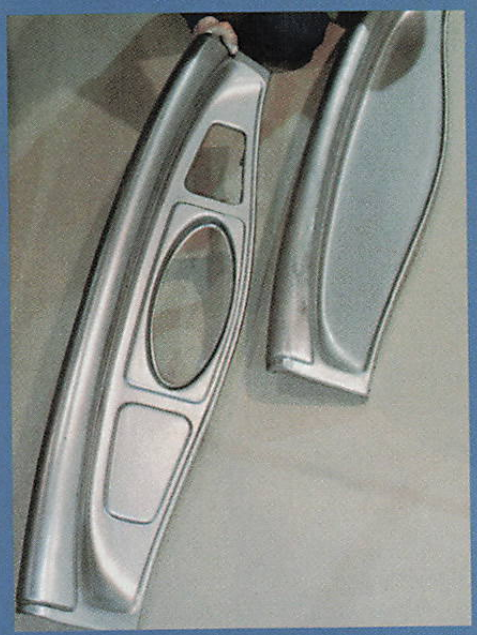


Here's that strange rear apron with the dimple fuel-filler area. You Deuce three-window owners can compare this with your originals. Each panel mimics the original shape. Keep in mind that three distinct panels comprise this structure.

Even these inner trunk supports reflect the originals' shape. This attention to detail yields a body that's incredibly convincing as an original.



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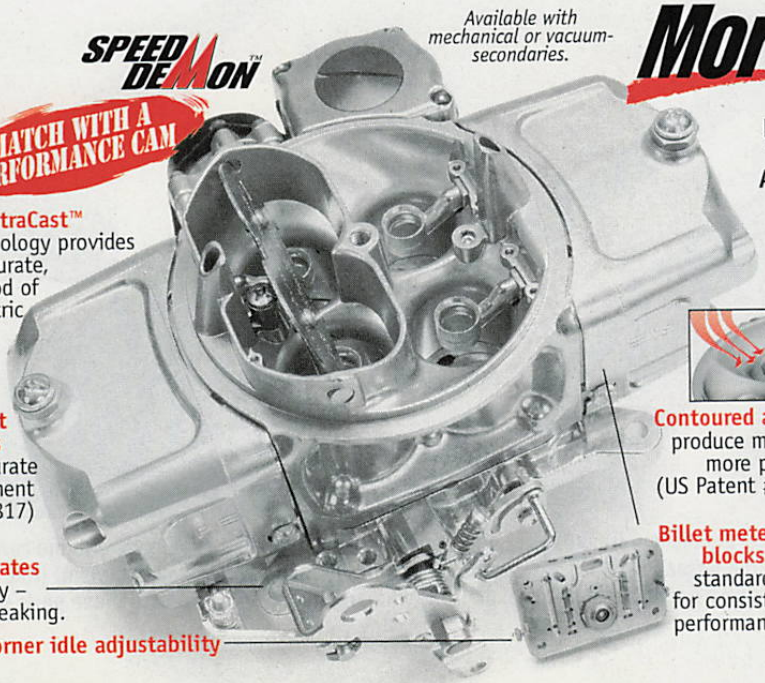

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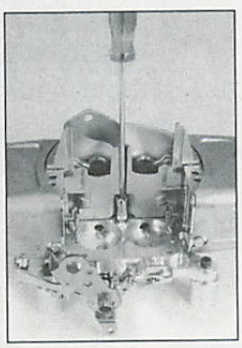

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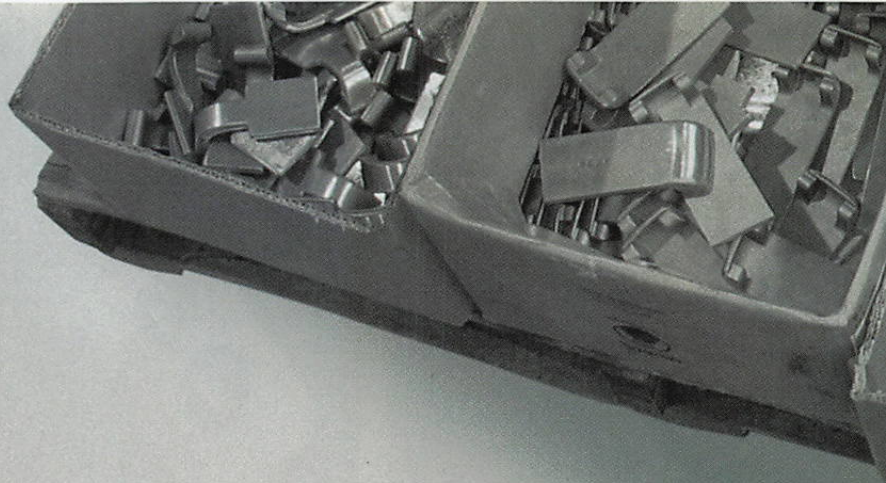

So they scanned both sides independently instead of scanning one side and inverting it for the other. Make no mistake; this body is a duplicate right down to the Depression-era intricacies. And yes, the coupe door, decklid, or quarter-panel you've yearned for will not only be available, it'll fit as Ford intended. And in case you're wondering, if you want a chopped one you'll have to lower the lid yourself; due to myriad-chop preferences and the exorbitant tooling costs, Kenny said they intend to offer stock-roof cars only. Yeah, like *that's* anything to complain about!

But talk is cheap; we have real-live photos of real-life parts awaiting assembly and shipment. So let's cut to the chase. Bring on the bodies! SR

Of course a Deuce three-window dash wouldn't be complete without a glovebox door, would it? As you may have guessed, Brookville stamps these, too. And, as you've guessed, making it requires more than one stamping.

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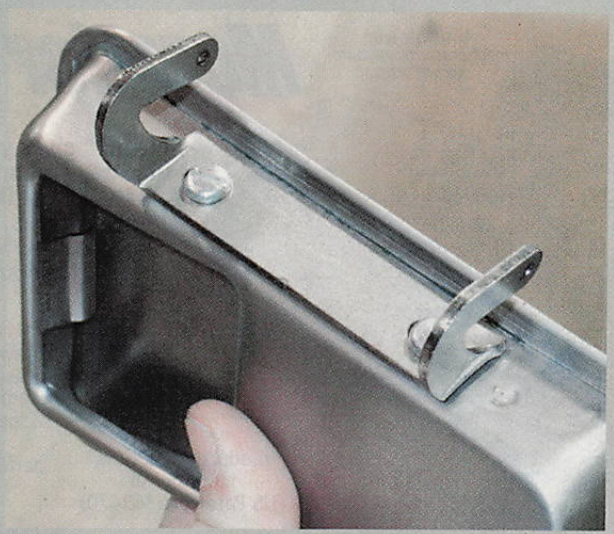

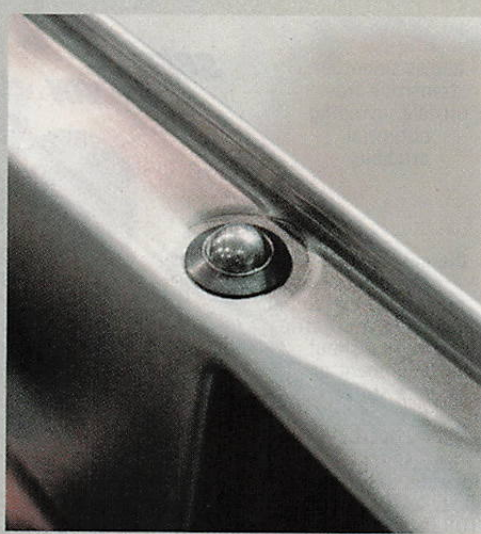

These three-window pieces endure close scrutiny; Brookville assembles these doors with the correct hinges and ashtray mounting bosses. On the topside note the spring-loaded ball latch mechanism. Now *that's* detail! May we extend a special thanks to Jason Duff, who graciously helped model these parts for us.

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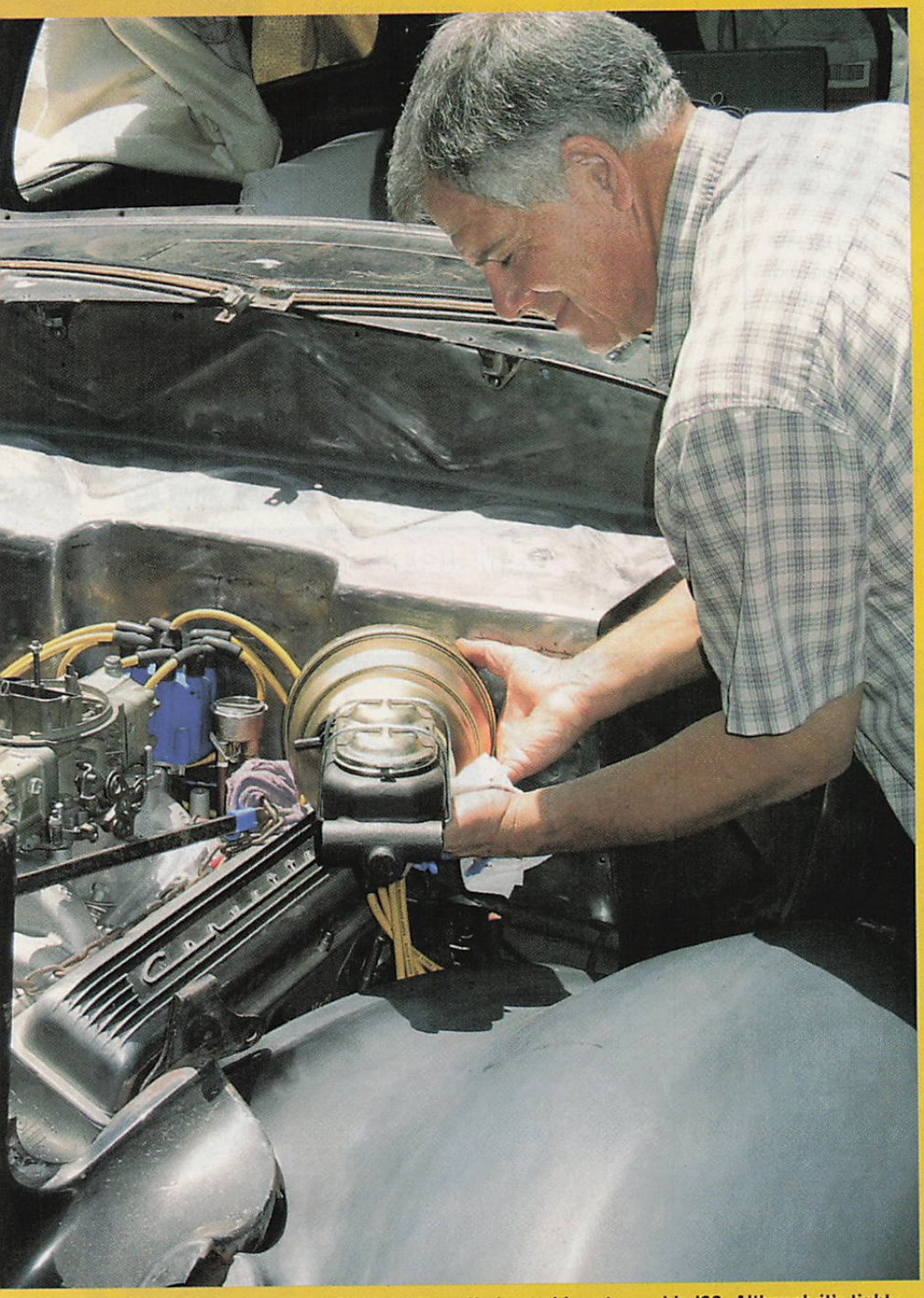

Rick Carlyle does a test fit of the master cylinder and booster on his '36. Although it's tight, the rocker cover can still be removed.

Over the past couple of years we've watched as our buddy, Rick Carlyle, has worked to put his '36 four-door sedan back on the road. Rick is taking a unique approach on this car—it's being built first and foremost as a driver and as a result, access to vital components is a concern. So, when it came time to mount the brake pedal, booster, and master cylinder, Rick chose the firewall-mounted variety rather than hiding it all under the floor.

Of course there was another reason the master cylinder and booster couldn't go under the floor of this car. If the name Carlyle sounds familiar it's probably because he's the Rick who builds those nifty So-Cal Engineering lakes-style headers. And while the headers won't be poking out of the hood on this sedan, you can bet there will be plenty of space under the car dedicated to pipes.

Rather than build a pedal from scratch or modify an existing piece, Rick turned to Jerry Kugel of Kugel Komponents. Known for quality products, particularly independent front and rear suspension systems, Kugel also has a line of swing pedals; both firewall and under-dash mount. Rick chose the to use the firewall style, and while in this particular application firewall modifications were required to install them, that's usually not the case.

Swing pedals have a number of advantages, not the least of which is that you don't have to get on your hands and knees to check the brake fluid. And there are other plusses as well—there's more room under the car for exhaust and they generally provide increased foot room for the driver. That's what we call gettin' in the swing of things. SR

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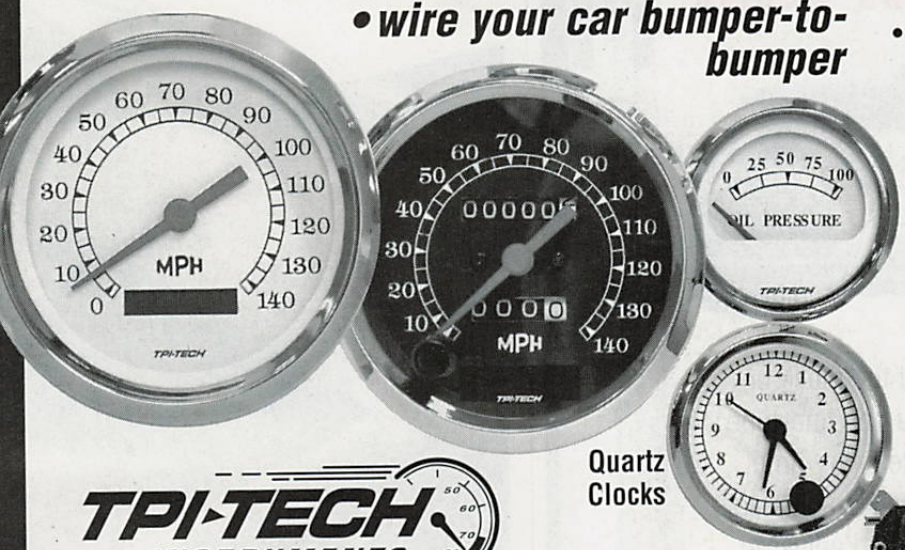

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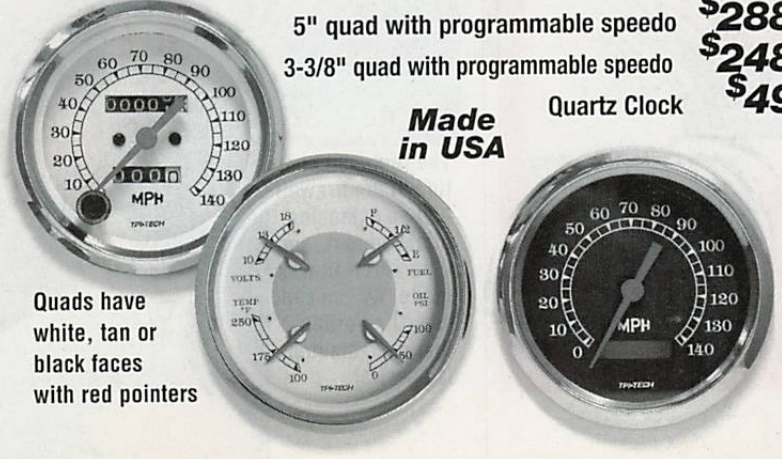

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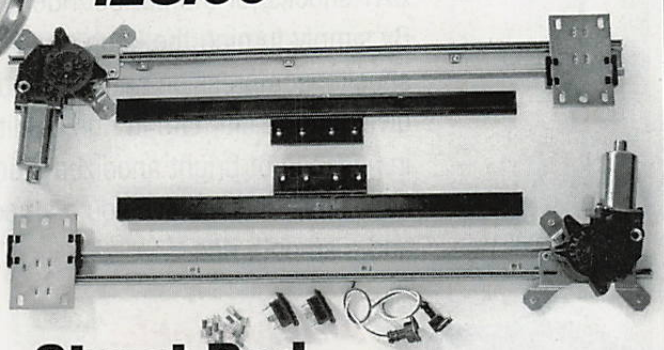

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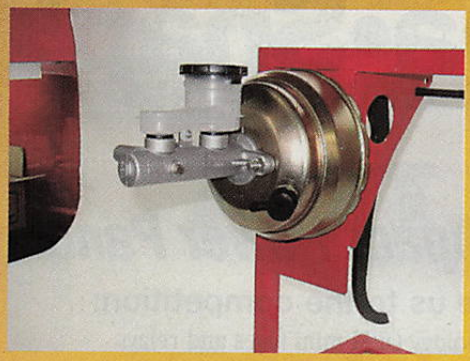

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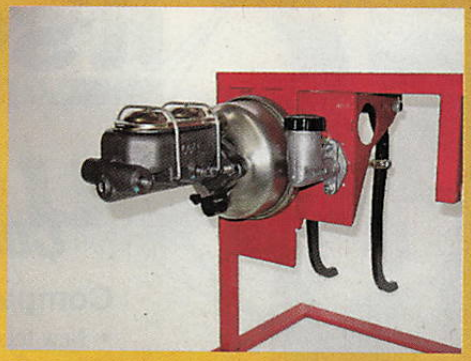

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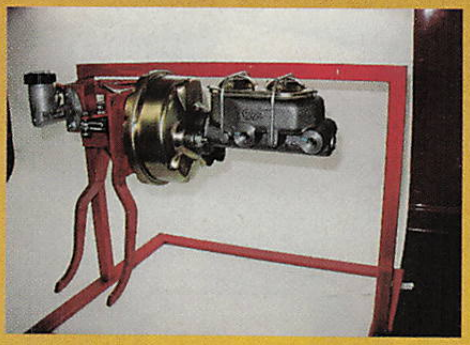

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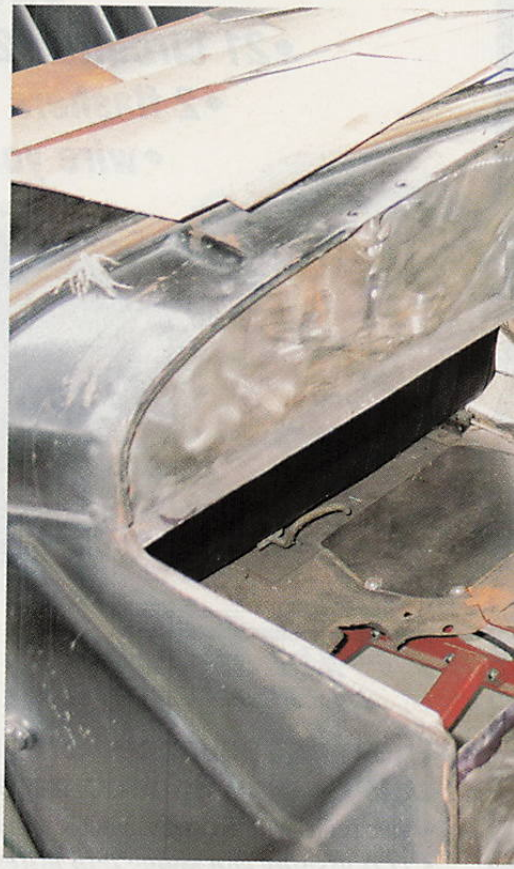
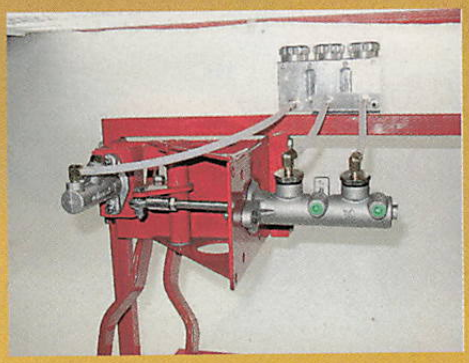
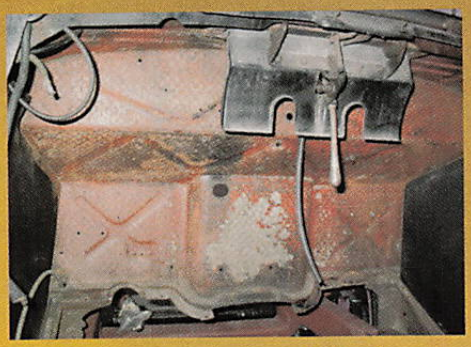


The removed portion of the firewall had an extension attached to it, and then a trial fit was made. As you can see, the portion that once slanted is now flat.



Taking the 90-degree pedal assembly one step further is this Kugel kit with remote reservoirs.

There are a number of considerations to be taken into account when mounting swing pedals. In this case, mounting the pedal to the bottom surface put the pedal too low.



Unfortunately mounting the pedal on the upper flat surface placed the pedal too low. So some surgery was in order.

Rick began the necessary modifications by cutting out the slanted portion between the upper and lower firewall.

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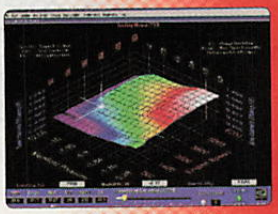

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Rick began tack welding the filler strip in place after taking lots of measurements to make sure everything would fit.

This shot is a good indication of what the finished firewall will look like.

Rick made a template out of heavy paper to position the pedal properly and make sure the holes were located properly.

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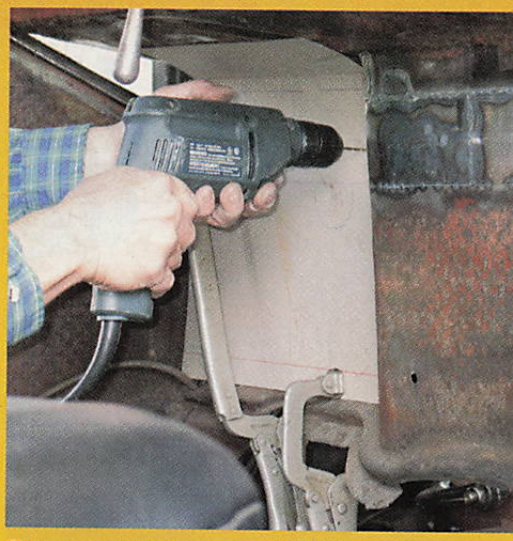
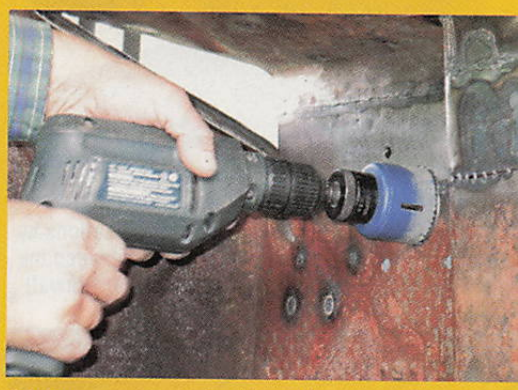


The mounting holes were drilled through the template.



A hole saw was required to make an opening for the boot on the booster's push rod.

The holes were all deburred with an air grinder before the booster was installed.

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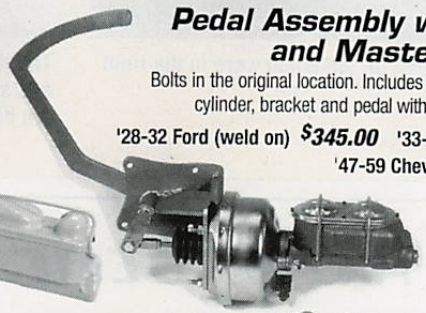

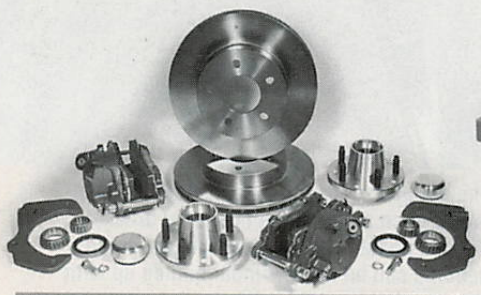

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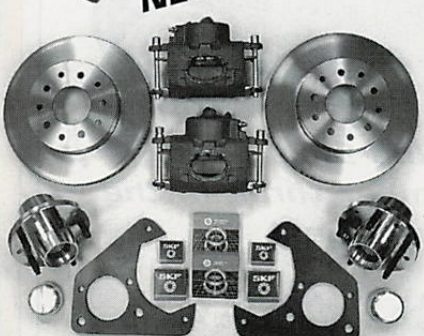
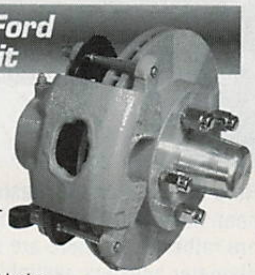


NEW '37-48 Ford bolt on disc kit



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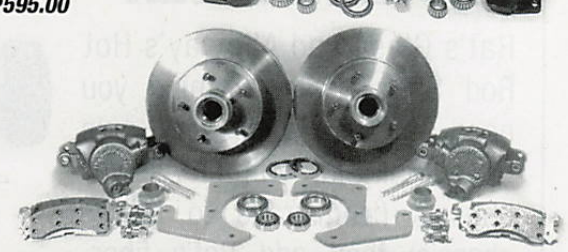

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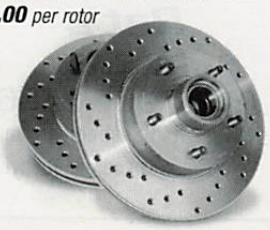

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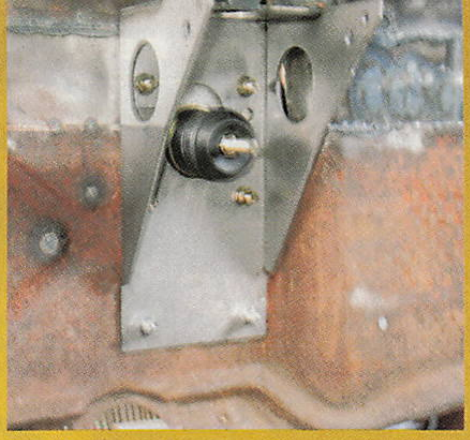
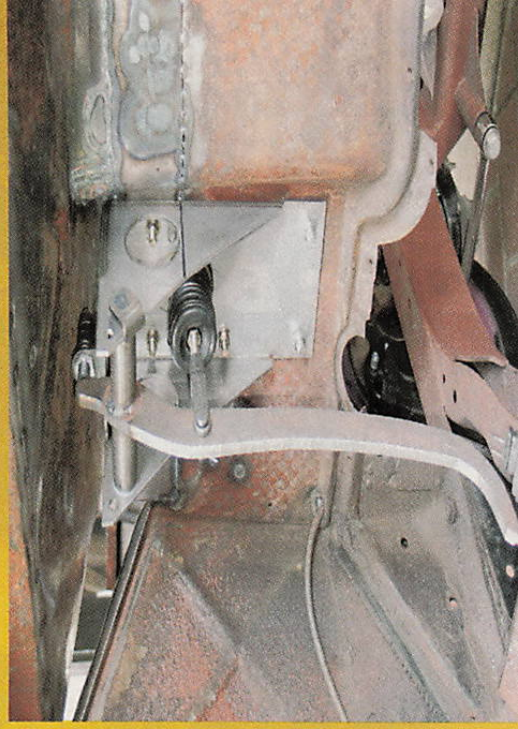
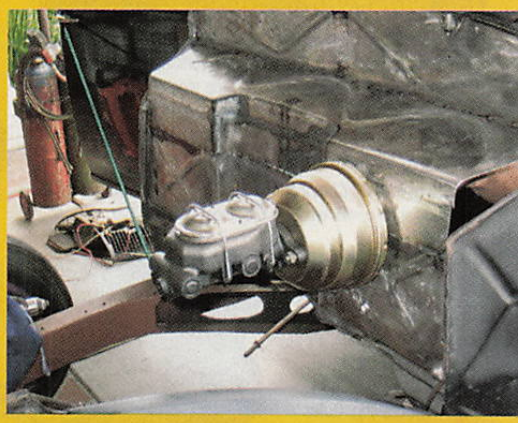


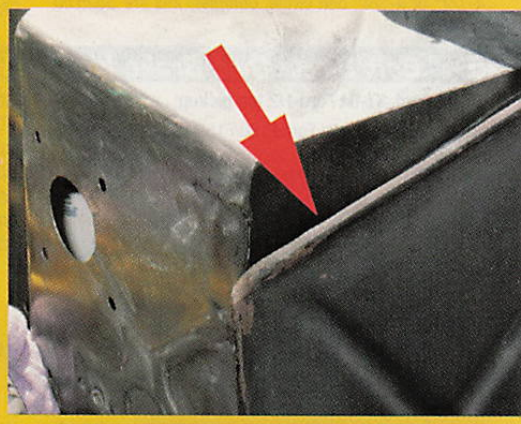
The Kugel pedal bracket slides over the booster's studs on the inside. Two addition bolts at the bottom offer additional support.



The pedal was installed next. Note the stoplight switch at the top of the pedal bracket. Kugel's pedals are long enough that some bending can be done without ending up with an unfavorable pedal ratio.



Here the booster and master cylinder have been installed. The dual diaphragm boosters are rather deep; there are shallower, larger diameter boosters available.



The final step in this installation was to make filler plates for the ends of the firewall.

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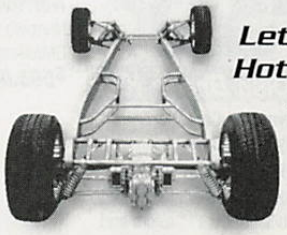

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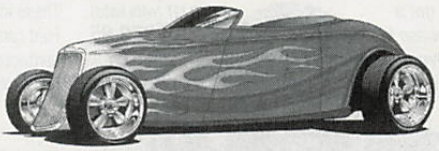

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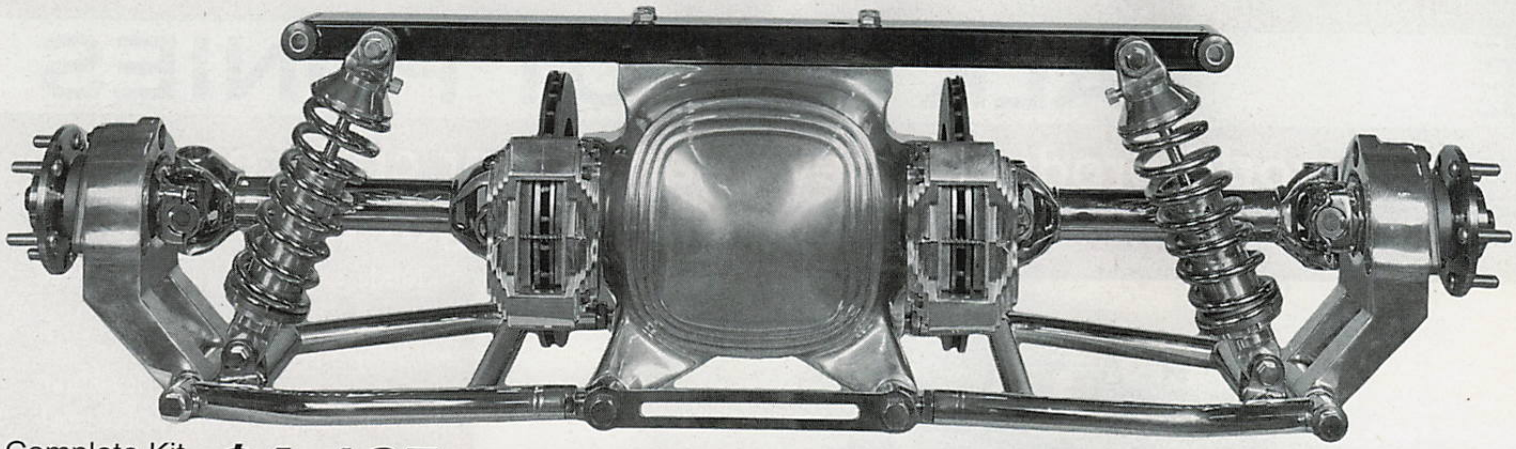

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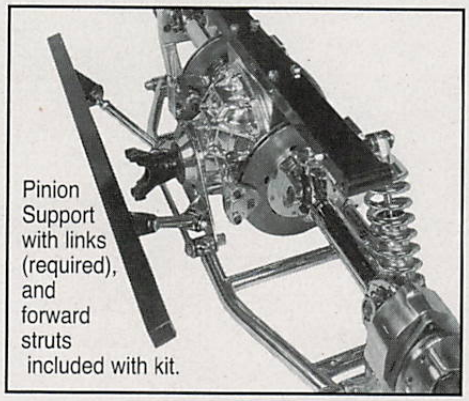

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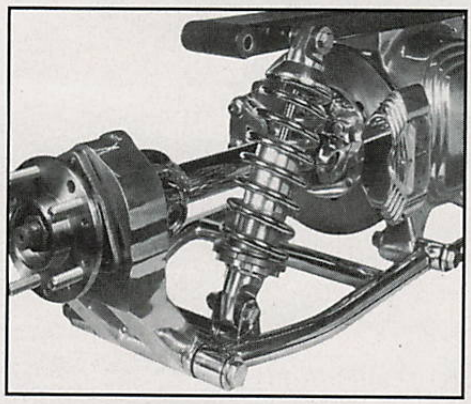

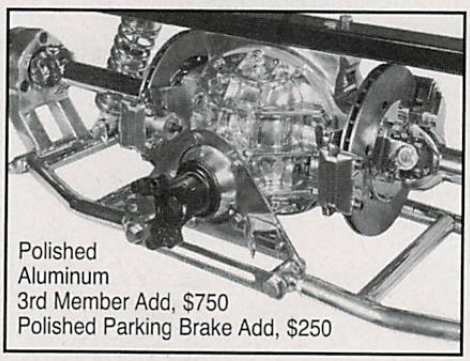

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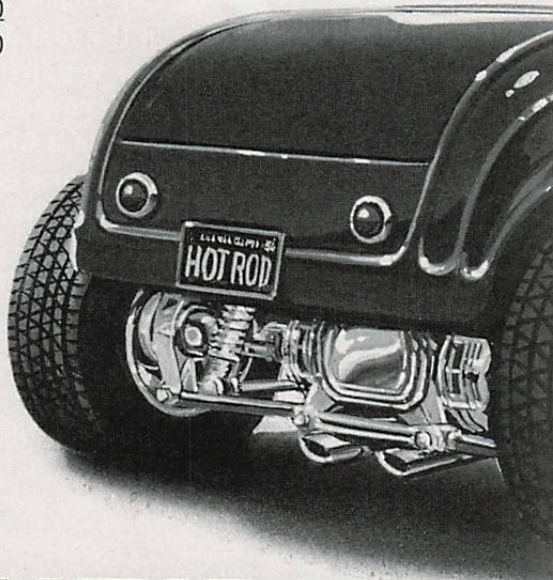

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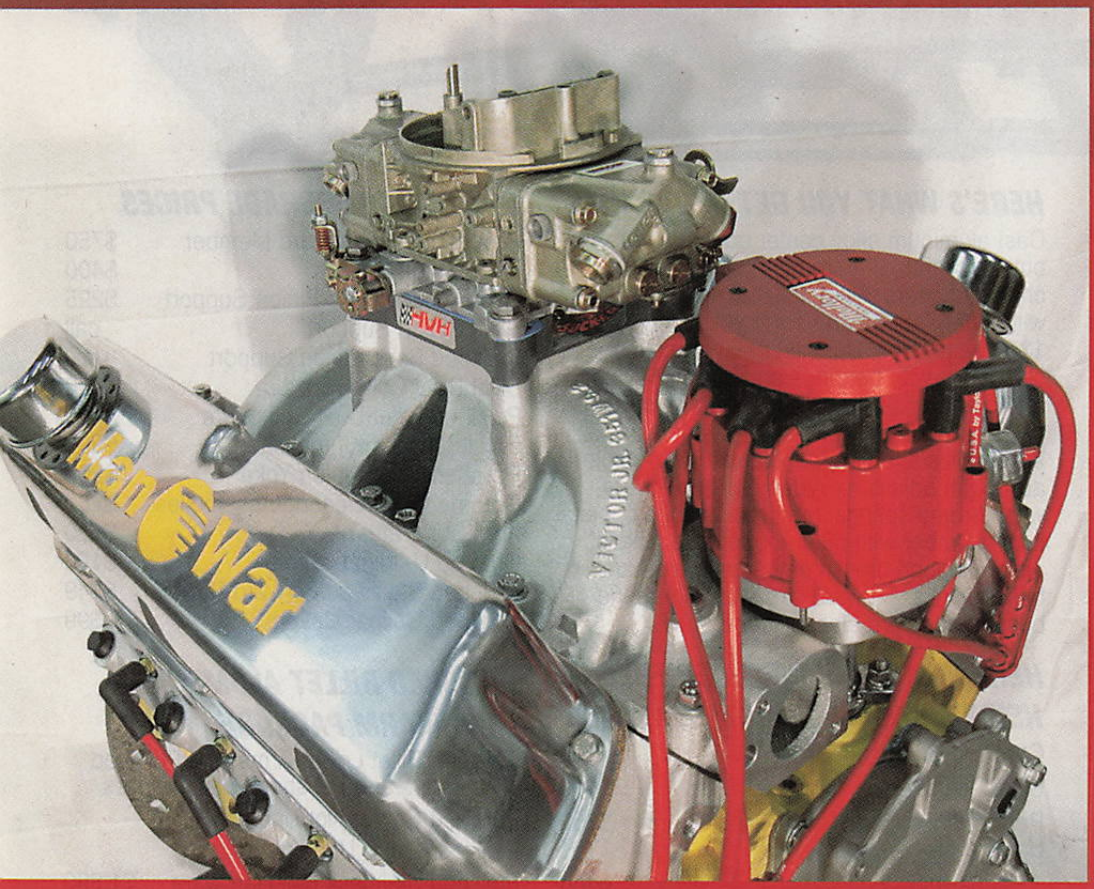

Crate engine proliferation has expanded in the last decade like casinos along Las Vegas' infamous strip—it seems there's a new one every month. But unless you're in the market for a Chevy engine, you might just feel like you're stuck at a third-rate gambling hall that doesn't even offer a cheap prime rib.

Bill Mitchell, the man behind Long Island, New York's World Products, has been one of the primary contributors to the Chevy-based crate engine craze. His Motown small-blocks and Merlin big-blocks have found homes in countless street and race cars, but now he's out to provide some balance for the Blue Oval side.

Recently, World Products started producing their own Ford-style engine block based on the 302/351 small-block Windsor. It's called the Man O' War. As with the Motown and Merlin blocks, the new Man O' War is virtually indistinguishable from an original Ford block on the outside. Every stock accessory, whether oil filter or intake manifold, bolts up as if it were Ford's own casting.

Inside, however, the block is beefed up with thicker front and rear bulkheads and more iron in strategic areas of the cylinder banks. It all adds about 60 lbs over a comparable stock Ford 302 block, but virtually eliminates the chance for cracking that is prevalent in high-output, modified 302s. It also comes with splayed four-bolt mains.

Not too long after the sand was knocked from the first Man O' War block casting, Mitchell got to work developing crate engine packages—World Products also produces Windsor Jr. iron and Windsor Light aluminum cylinder heads. It was a brave new world for someone who admits to being a little behind the curve on Ford stuff.

"They look backwards," Mitchell jokes, in reference to the front-mount distributor of the Windsor engines. "Actually, it's smart to have the distributor up front—it makes more sense to drive it and the oil pump up there."

Mitchell called on NASCAR engine experts to help redesign the engine block. It comes in four deck heights—302 and 351 versions—as well as a unique 302 C model that has the offset oil pump/distributor mounting of the 351 engine, which allows for a larger-displacement 302 engine.

Other parts, such as intake manifolds, are sourced from other aftermarket companies. World, however, is working to produce its own line of intakes.

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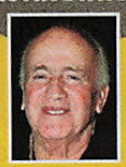

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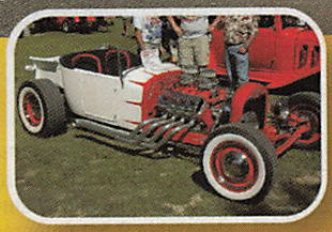

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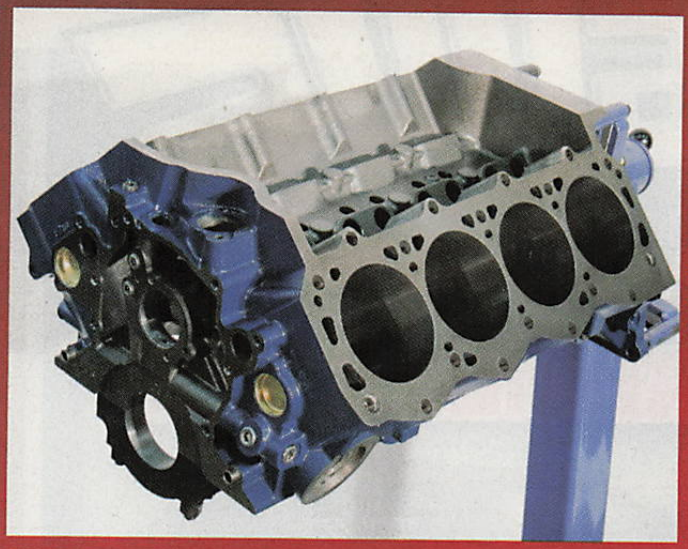
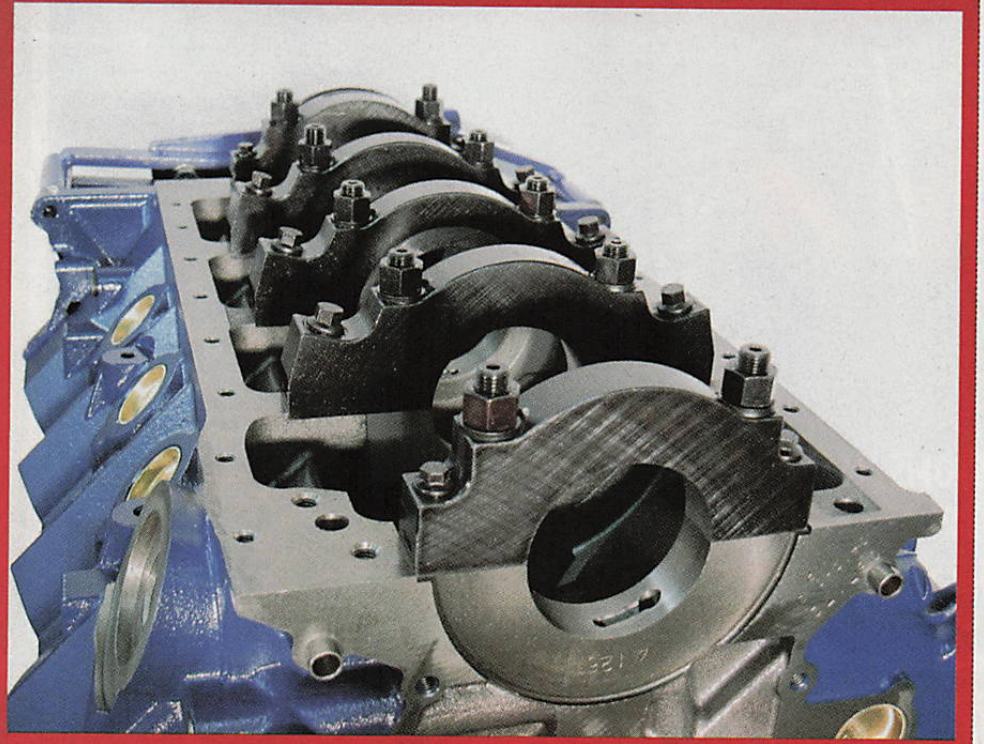
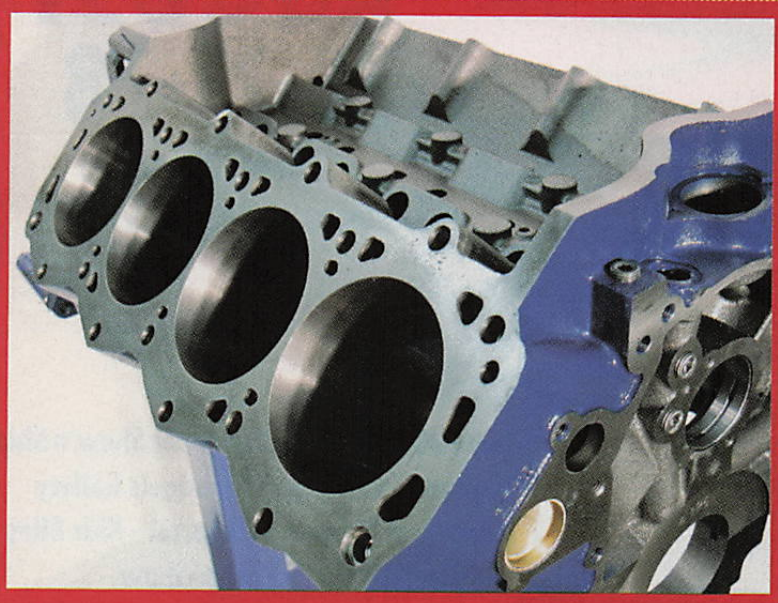


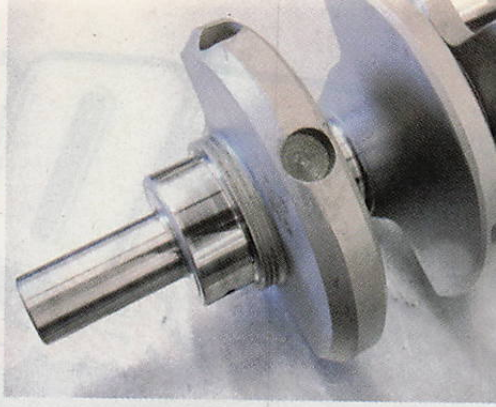
The new Man O' War block is the foundation for World Products' new Blue Oval offerings. Available in 302- and 351-style configurations, it is thicker and sturdier in key areas than Ford's own blocks. This makes the block stronger and capable of supporting such a large-displacement combination.



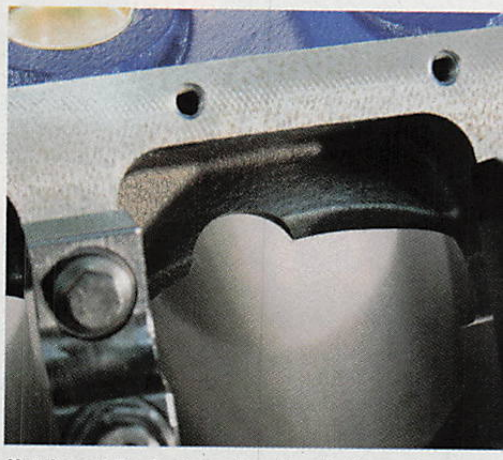
All Man O' War blocks have splayed four-bolt main caps. The main caps are billet steel and the fasteners for the inner bolts consist of studs and nuts. This makes a stud girdle unnecessary, while contributing greatly to the block's overall strength.



There are four deck heights available with the Man O' War block, with a 9.500-inch tall-deck 351-style block serving as the base for our 427ci buildup. Short-deck 302-style blocks have a maximum displacement of 375 ci. The bores on our 427 measure 4.125 inches.

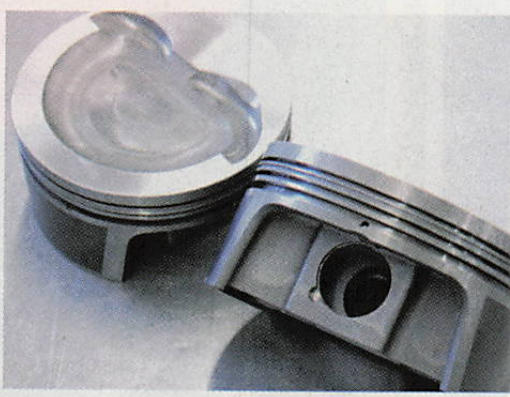


Regardless of the engine series—whether Daily Driver, World Class, or Limited Edition—every Man O' War engine is equipped with a 4340-forged crankshaft from Eagle. With the 427-inch combo, the stroke is 4.000 inches.



Notches at the bottom of each cylinder make room for rods on long-stroke combinations like our World Class 427. The notches are built into every Man O' War block.

Like the crankshaft, every Man O' War engine series comes with forged H-beam connecting rods, such as this Eagle piece used in our 427 project engine.



Pistons are forged aluminum parts from Mahle and feature friction-reducing skirt coatings. The sturdy slugs help provide a very streetable 9.5:1 compression ratio on the World Class 427.

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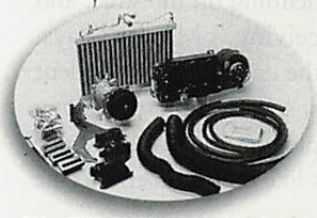

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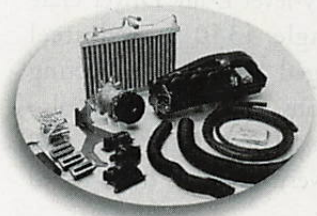

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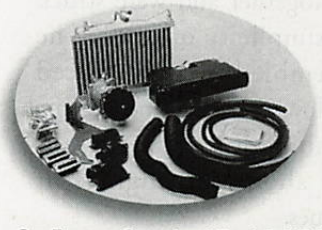

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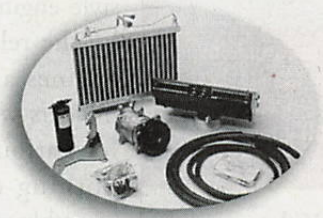

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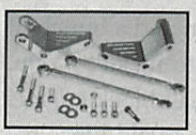

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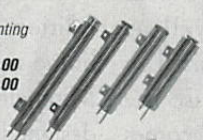

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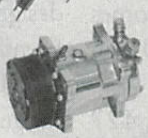

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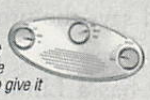

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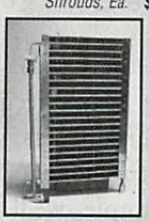

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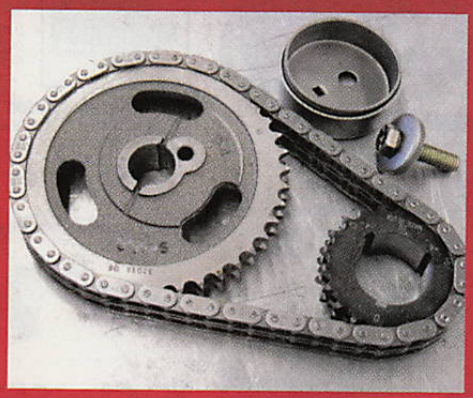
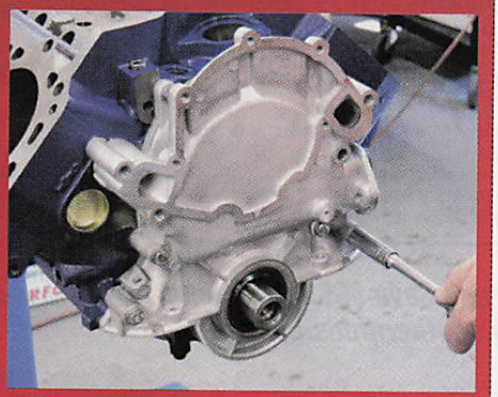
Daily Driver, Cruiser, and World Class series engines receive a hydraulic camshaft, like the one shown here. Hardcore series engines receive a solid lifter cam, while the Limited Edition engines get a solid roller camshaft. Although we couldn't pry the lobe specs out of World Products, we were told the custom-grind cams are designed for street-friendly idle quality, while still delivering a noteworthy lope and high-rpm performance.



Timing sets for all Man O' War engines include a double-row chain, a custom timing set built to World Products' specs.



Installation of an off-the-shelf Ford front cover illustrates the adaptability of the Man O' War block design. All standard Ford small-block components and accessories bolt up to the block as if it were an OE block.

Within some of the engine series, too, is a variety of displacement options. So, looking at the Man O' War range, you start with the Daily Driver crate engine, which comes in stock displacement—302 or 351 ci—and 9:1 compression, a 750-cfm four-barrel carb, and a hydraulic camshaft. It's a simple, relatively inexpensive combination that, with a 351-cube version, is good for 351 hp. It lists for $6,995.

The next step is the Cruiser, which builds on the Daily Driver recipe with increased displacement, as well as camshaft and other components sized to match. For our example, we'll use the 351-based 427ci displacement. It comes with a hydraulic camshaft and a 750-cfm carburetor. It's rated at 450 hp.

Next up is the World Class 427 engine; it includes a higher-lift camshaft and an 870-cfm carb to produce 475 hp (495 hp with aluminum heads).

And sticking with the 427-cube Windsor-style engine, the Hardcore version uses a solid-lifter cam and valvetrain, as well as a Dominator carb, for a rating of 500 hp (525 horses with aluminum heads).

The nuclear option is the Limited Edition 460-inch Man O' War, which uses aluminum lungs, 10.5:1 forged pistons, a roller camshaft, and a bunch of other high-end goodies to make 575 hp. Don't forget this is a small-block engine, not the iron lump out of an old Lincoln.

"The Limited Edition is for the guy who thinks too much is just right," Mitchell says.

And while the Hardcore and Limited Edition engines would certainly feel at home in the staging lanes of a dragstrip, Mitchell insists all the crate engines are designed for street use and are pump-gas friendly.

"The idea is to give enthusiasts a range of power to fit their budget," he says. "You tell us you want a 427-inch engine and we've got several flavors to pick from."

As for the streetability of the upper echelon engines, Mitchell says the proof is in his garage.

"My '33 Ford coupe has a Limited Edition engine and I can drive it anywhere through any traffic," he says. "We did the Power Tour in it last year." Still, he admits the power capability of just about 600 hp in a relatively light street car is something even he has only fully tapped into a few times. "It's overwhelming on the street and the power is deceiving," Mitchell says. "We've designed the engines with excellent idle characteristics, so you can cruise along and it feels completely docile—but once you get into it, it's like there's no end to the pulling power."

STRONG FOUNDATIONS

Even the entry-level Daily Driver crate engines use Eagle 4340 forged steel crankshafts, forged H-beam connecting rods, forged pistons, etc. The engines also come with plugs, wires, distributor, and balancer. Also, every engine is dyno-tested prior to shipping.

We spent a couple of days recently at World Products to watch these new Ford-style engines go together and were struck by the relative simplicity of it all. The engines are assembled by experienced builders who follow the prescribed recipe for various combinations, but there is nothing exotic about the engines or assembly techniques.

If you've read car magazines for any length of time, you'll have undoubtedly heard references to the air pump analogy—since an engine is simply an air pump, the more you pump in, the more power it pumps out. That's the case with the World Products engines, as these big-horsepower Man O' War engines derive their dyno numbers from large displacement, cavernous cylinder heads, and large carburetors.

In the accompanying photos, you'll see what goes into the buildup of a Man O' War crate engine—in this case, a World Class series 427 rated at 475 hp. Keep in mind that whether it's a Daily Driver or the full-boat Limited Edition, the foundation and processes are the same.

As we said at the top of the story, the lion's share of crate engine options have gone to the Chevy guys. But with more Man O' War combinations than you can shake a Flathead at, World Products is providing more opportunities for enthusiasts to keep their distributor up front—where it belongs.

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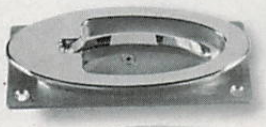

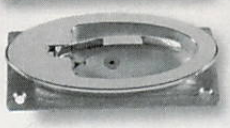

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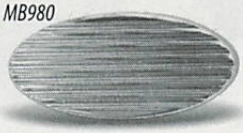

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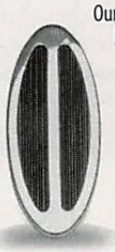

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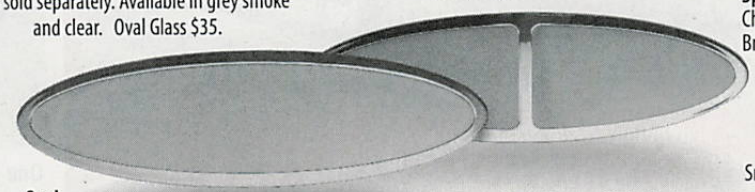

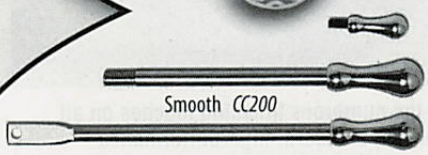

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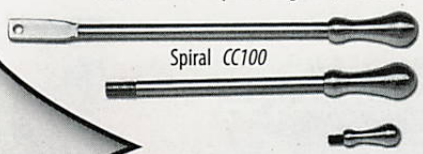

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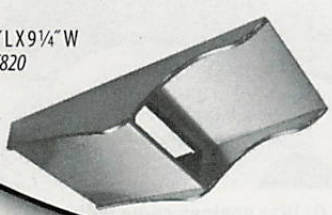

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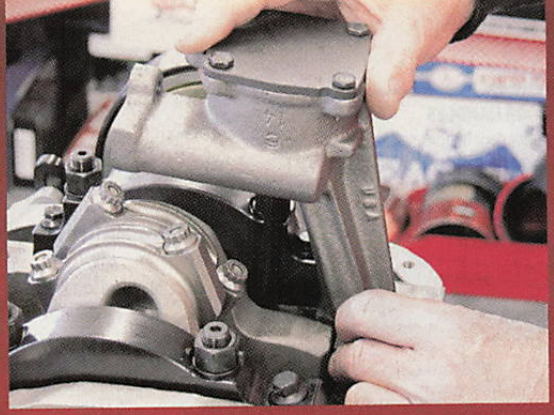
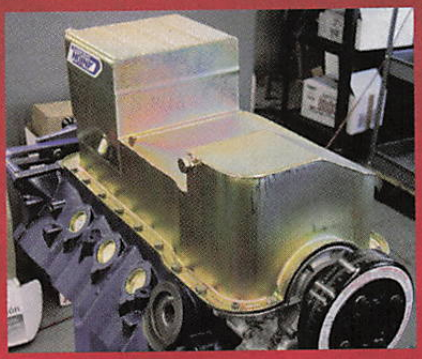
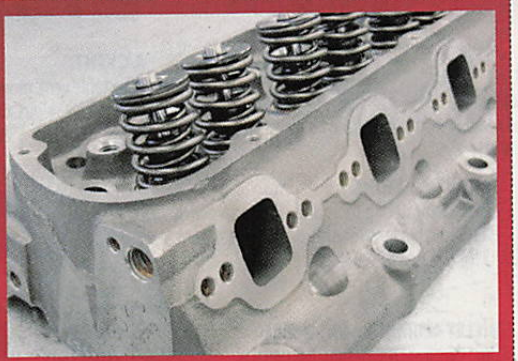


On OE Ford 302 blocks, the oil pump mounting position limits the maximum stroke of the engine and, therefore, the maximum displacement of the engine to about 347 ci. A special C version of the Man O' War block alters the oil pump/distributor to the 351 position, allowing for a longer stroke and a maximum 375-inch 302. The pump for our 427 came from Melling.

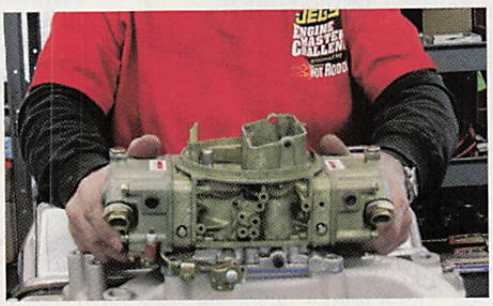
It wouldn't be a crate engine package without a snazzy set of valve covers, like the polished aluminum covers slipped onto our project 427.



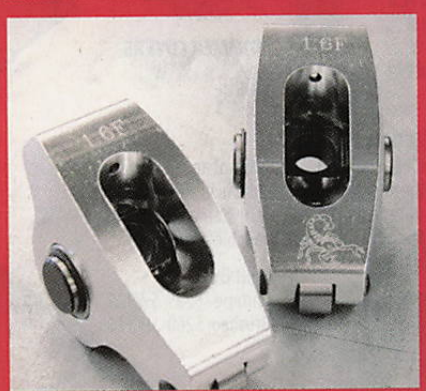
Shoring up the bottom of each Man O' War engine is a deep-sump oil pan. In the case of our World Class 427, it's a golden pan from Canton.



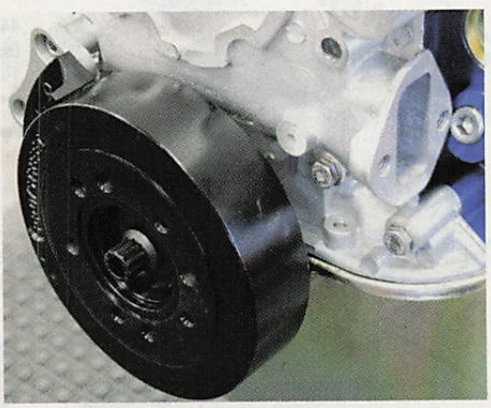
World Products' own cylinder heads are used on the Man O' War engines, with iron heads as standard and aluminum versions optional. Our 427 engine uses World's Windsor Sr. heads, which have 200cc intake runners, 2.055-inch intake valves, and 1.600-inch exhaust valves. The stainless, severe-duty valves are sourced from Manley, along with the locks and retainers.



Our World Class 427 receives an 870-cfm carburetor that is built in-house by World Products. Daily Driver and Cruiser engines receive a 750-cfm carb. Hardcore and Limited Edition engines breathe through a 1,050-cfm Dominator.



(left) Rocker arm ratios vary, depending on the displacement and horsepower rating, but all are aluminum roller rockers from Scorpion. *(right)* Complementing the roller rocker arms is a set of roller lifters. They're matched with forged one-piece pushrods, pushrod guideplates and heavy-duty retainers, locks, etc.



One of the numerous finishing touches on all engines is a standard, high-performance balancer. In the case of our project engine, it's from ATI.

(left) Take a closer look at our 427 engine's cylinder heads and you'll notice the stiff, 125lb dual valve springs. Interestingly, the block has provisions for two extra head bolts and World may begin producing their heads with extra bolt holes to provide an extra measure of sealing assurance. *(right)* Again, intake manifold selection varies between the various classes of engines. Hardcore and Limited Edition engines receive Dominator-type carbs and corresponding manifolds, while Daily Driver, Cruiser, and World Class engines receive 4150-style carbs.

All Man O' War engines come with an HEI-style distributor supplied by Mallory. The engines come with the plugs and wires installed, too.

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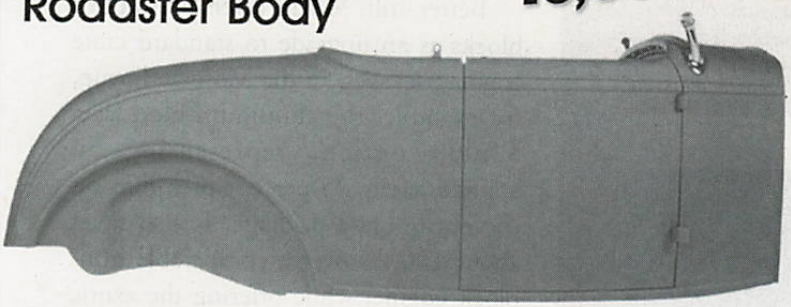

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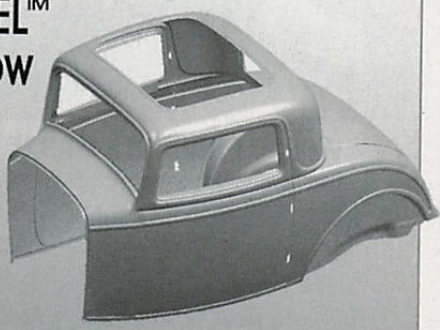

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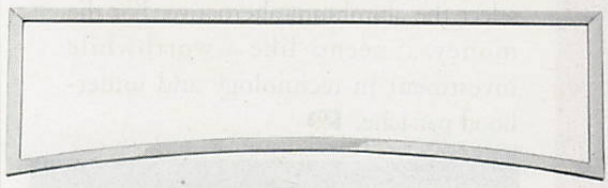

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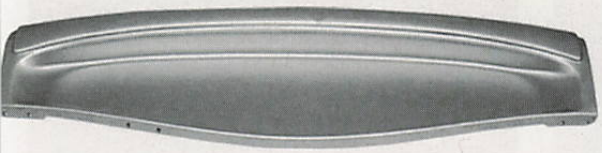

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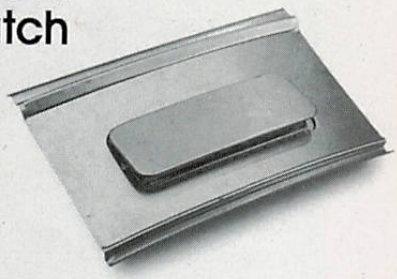

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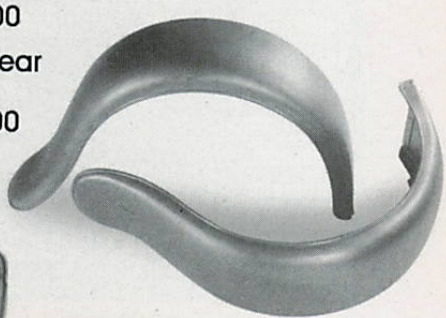

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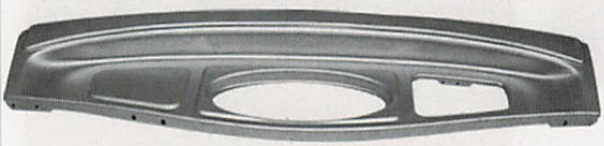

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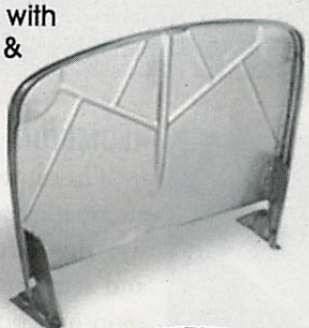

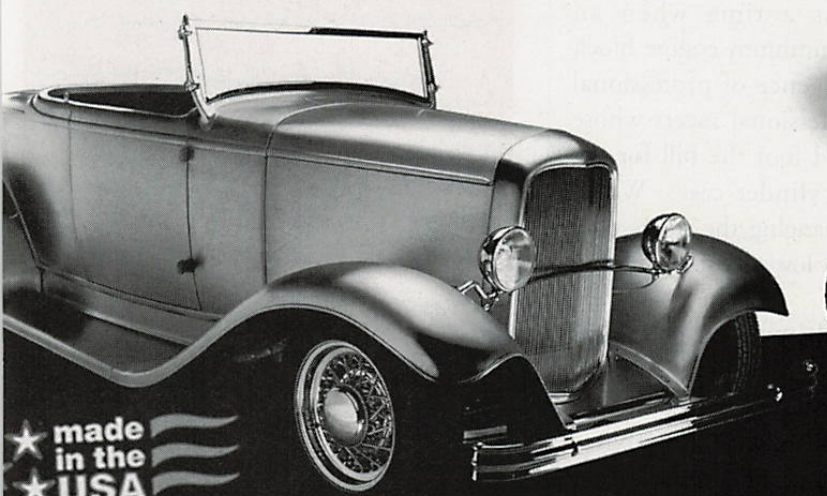

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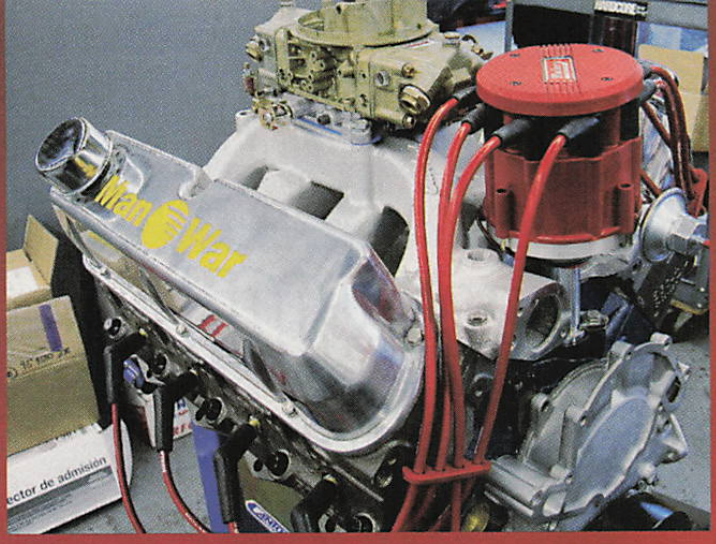
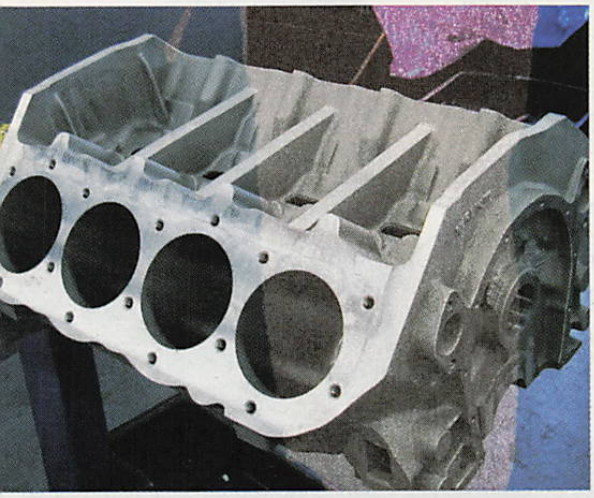


All buttoned up, our World Class 427 engine is rated at 475 hp and 465 lb-ft of torque. That's definitely big-block power from big-block displacement—but wrapped within small-block dimensions. All Man O' War crate engines are dyno-tested after assembly and come with a two-year/24,000-mile warranty.

WORLD PRODUCTS MAN O' WAR WORLD CLASS 427

TECH SPECS	
Base price	$8,995
Engine type	OHV V-8; iron block with iron heads
Displacement	427 ci
Compression ratio	9.5:1
Horsepower	475 @ 5800-rpm
Torque (lb-ft)	465 @ 3850-rpm
Cylinder block	high-density cast iron
Main bearing caps	four-bolt splayed; billet steel
Deck height	9.500 inches
Cylinder bore	4.125 inches
Stroke	4.000 inches
Crankshaft	4340 forged steel
Connecting rods	4340 forged steel H-beam
Pistons	forged aluminum with coated skirts
Piston	connecting pins full floating
Camshaft	hydraulic
Timing system	double-row chain
Cylinder heads	Windsor Sr. iron; 200cc intake runners
Combustion chamber	64cc
Valves	2.055-inch intake; 1.600-inch exhaust (stainless steel)
Valve springs	dual 125lb seat
Rocker arms	aluminum roller; 1.6 ratio
Pushrods	4340 forged steel, one-piece (used with guides)
Carburetor	870-cfm (4150 series)
Distributor	HEI-type
Miscellaneous	spark plugs, plug wires, oil pan, polished alumin valve covers, balancer included



ALUMINUM ALTERNATIVES

There was a time when an aftermarket aluminum engine block was the indulgence of professional and semi-professional racers whose sponsors could foot the bill for the exotic alloy cylinder cases. World Products is changing the status quo, however, with lower-cost aluminum block castings.

It started about a year and a half ago with the Motown Lite, an aluminum version of the company's Motown small-block Chevy-based block. It continues this year with the lightweight Merlin X alloy cylinder case (see photo). This lightweight revolution will soon spawn aluminum versions of the Man O' War block used in our main story.

World's aluminum blocks roughly chop in half the cost of a traditional bare aluminum cylinder case, thanks to an innovative machining process that dramatically reduces the time and effort involved in finishing a rough casting.

Better still, World offers aluminum blocks as an upgrade to standard crate engine packages. In the Motown lineup, for example, the aluminum block is a $2,000 option, representing an approximately 25-percent premium on the entire crate package. It also saves about 100 lbs over a comparable iron-block engine, while offering the exotic distinction of being, well, an aluminum engine block.

World Products says that, so far, about a quarter of Motown customers select the aluminum alternative. For the money, it seems like a worthwhile investment in technology and under-hood panache. SR

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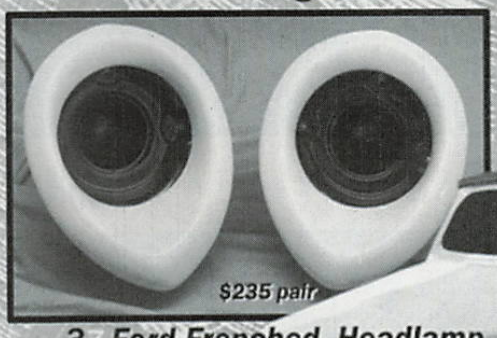

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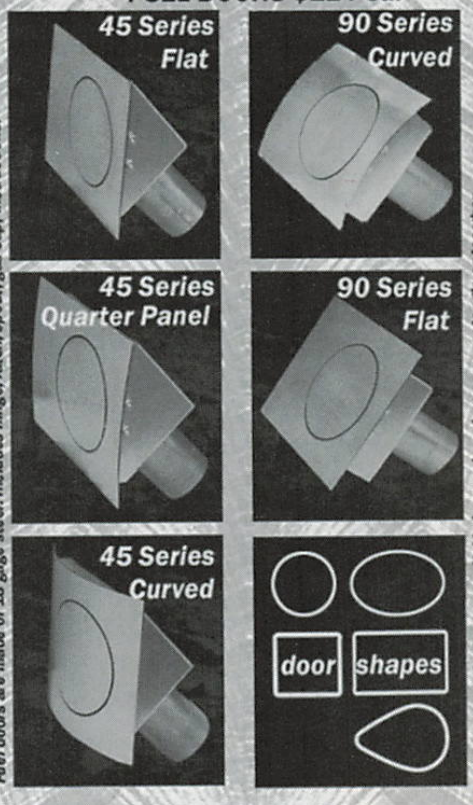

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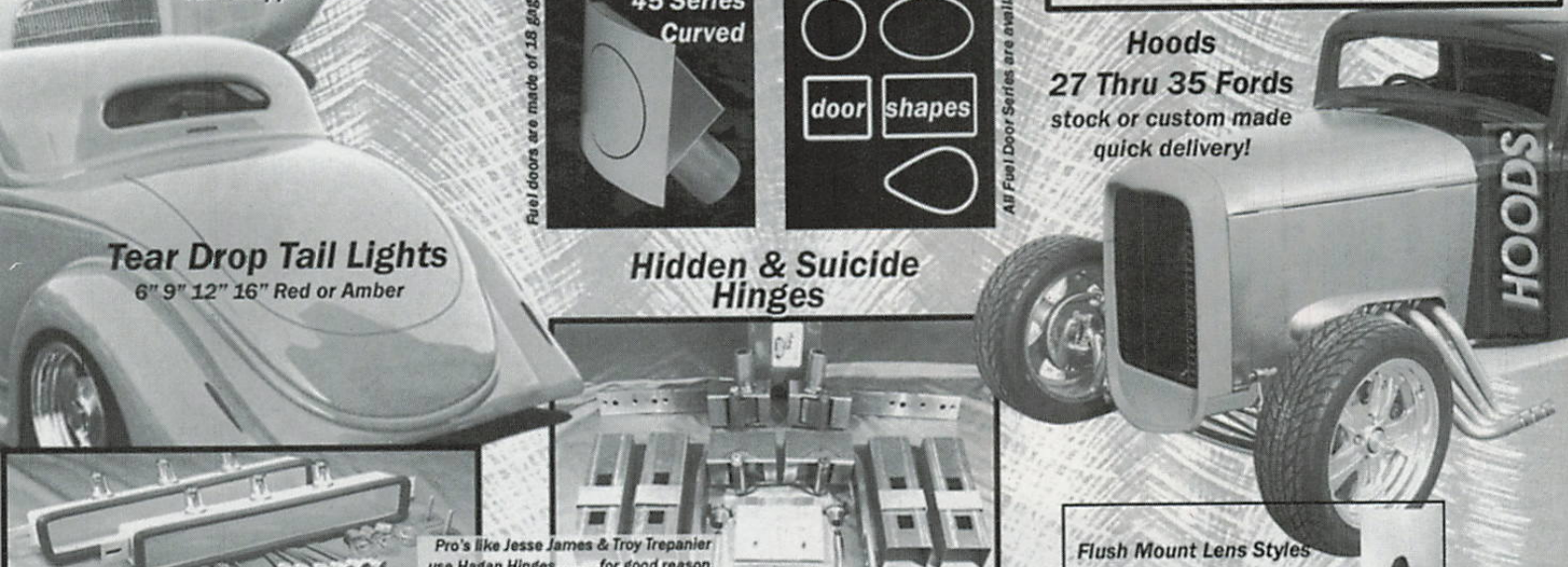

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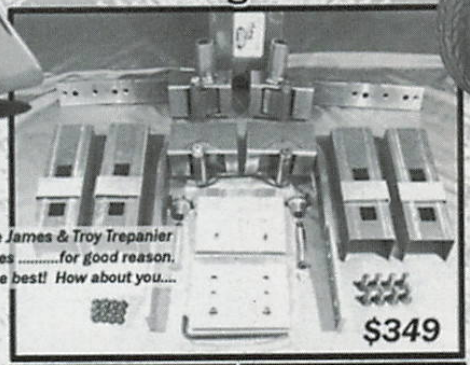

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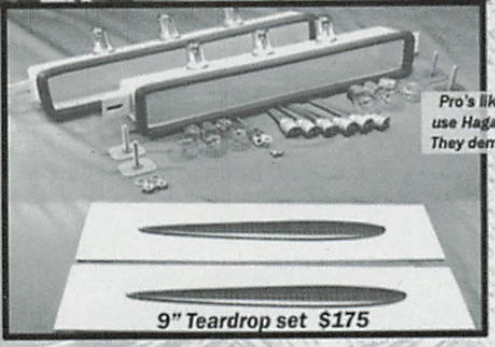

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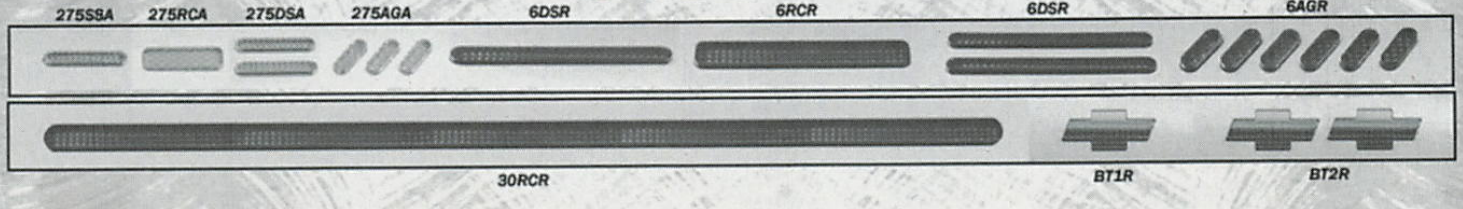

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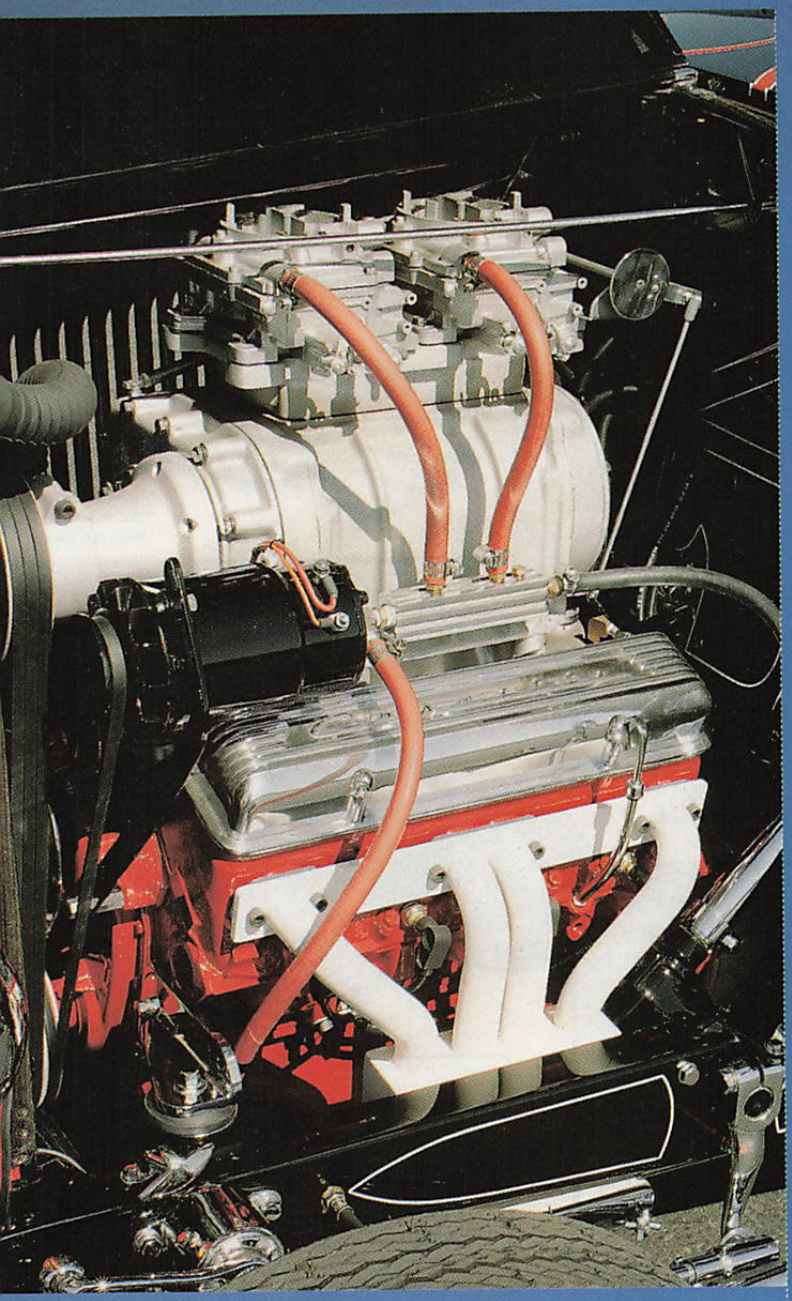

Ever since guys like Barney Navarro and Tom Beatty bolted on GMC superchargers and promptly blew the competition away, it's been widely accepted as the easiest way to bump up those ponies. Racers all across the country adopted the use in a variety of different sizes, ranging from the smaller 4-71 on up to the giant 16-71s used on today's top fuel dragsters. Giving the engine what it likes best—more air and fuel—results in power increases from the modest to the outrageous. And since simply swapping out a few pulleys can change boost levels, that tame 3lb boost street motor can be tuned to push over 30 lbs for all-out racing in a heartbeat.

Originally, superchargers were designed for aircraft engines to increase the density of the air taken into the cylinders at high altitudes so full power could be achieved. Since the atmospheric pressure and density at 20,000 ft is roughly half that at sea level, superchargers aided in providing the engine the pressure it lacked at the higher altitudes. The increase in atmospheric pressure, along with the added pressure and density the blower provides, yields serious gains in overall performance.

There are drawbacks, however. Increasing the induction system pressure and charge density brings with it additional heat that can seriously damage an engine that is not capable of handling these variables. The proper engine setup and maintenance, on the other hand, can provide years of trouble-free operation with gobs of power readily available at a stomp of the foot.

We recently started a rebuild on a blower motor that had acquired a good 35,000 miles on it over the years, and we decided that while we were rebuilding the motor, it only made sense to go through the blower as well. It turns out that the blower housing and rotors were in very good shape, but both the front and rear covers were leaking—not a good sign. Upon disassembly, it was revealed that the seals were bad and the bearings were just about ready to go as well. We brought the blower, in this case a 6-71, down to Blower Drive Service and had the knowledgeable staff go through the blower and answer a few questions we had. Follow along as we tear into the blower and learn a thing or two about proper blower maintenance.

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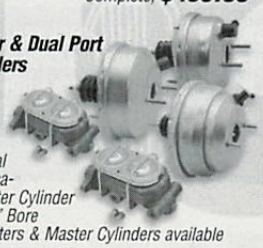

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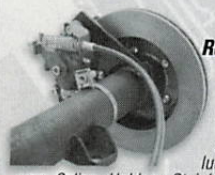

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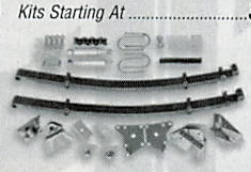

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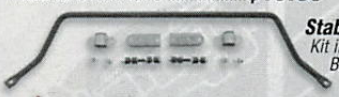

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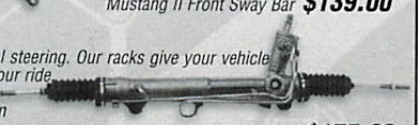

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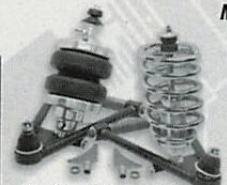

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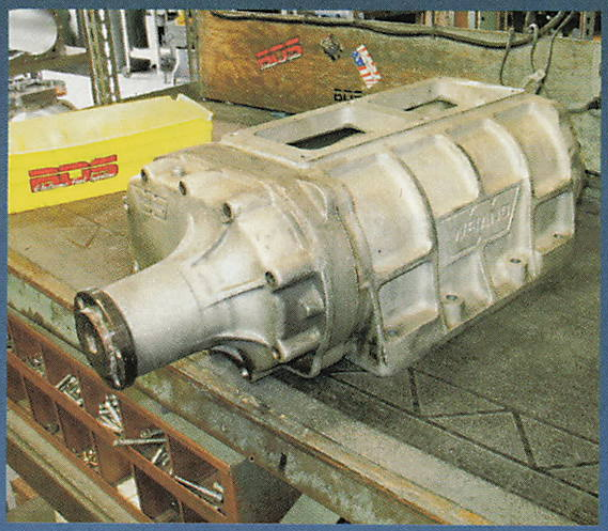
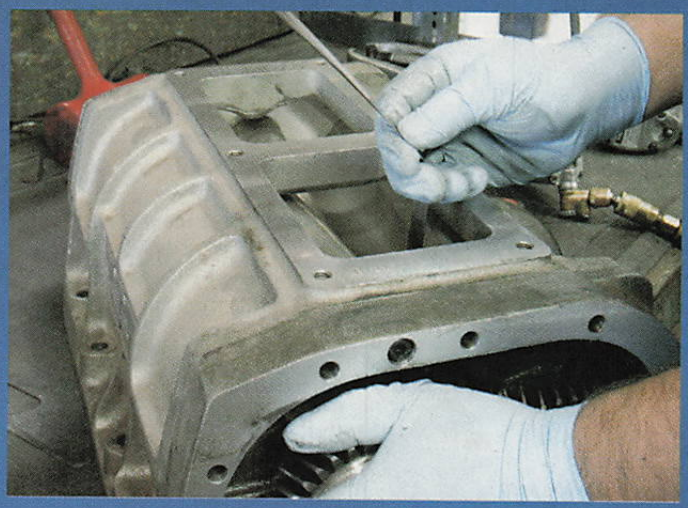
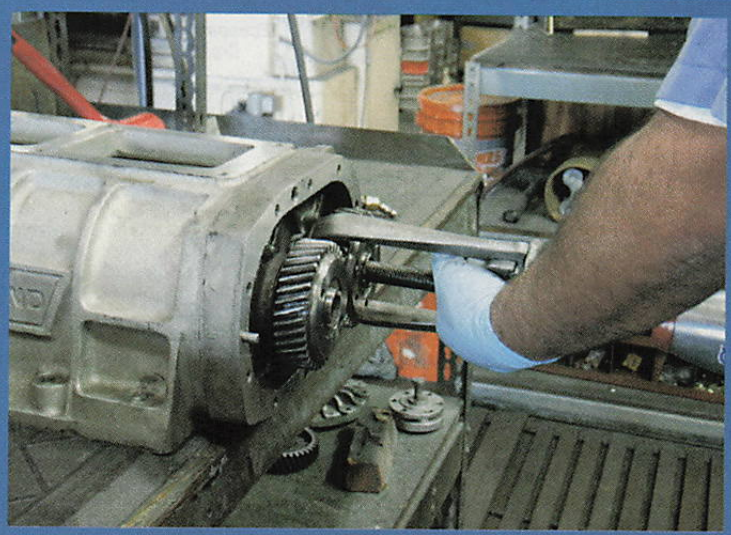


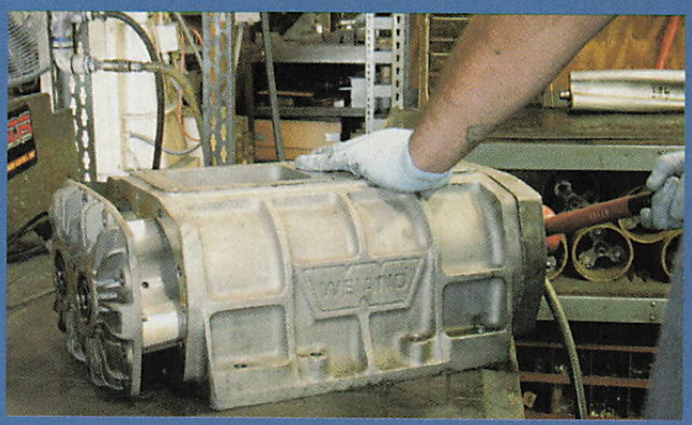
Here's our blower right as it came off the engine. It's a Weiand 6-71 and has quite a few hard miles on it. It was leaking from both the front and the rear bearing plates, so a rebuild was obviously a necessity.



The first thing on the agenda is to check the timing. This gives us an idea of what kind of shape our blower is in. We removed the front snout to gain access to the timing gears and then checked the timing. First, we check the leading and lagging edge of the rotors and then the front and rear clearances using simple feeler gauges.

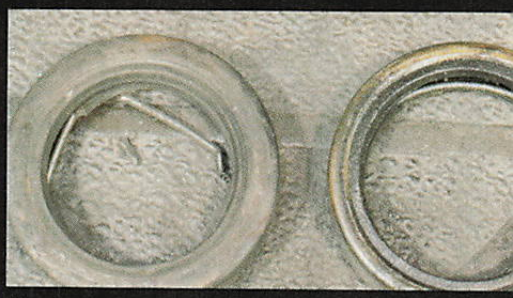


With the gears marked in relation to each other, it was time to pull them off and get to the rotors.

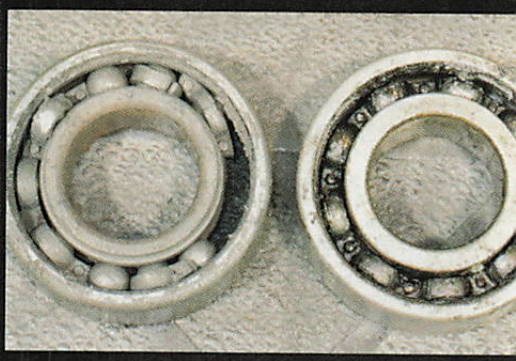


Once the gears are removed and the rear cover is unbolted, the whole unit should slide right out with a little bit of persuasion.

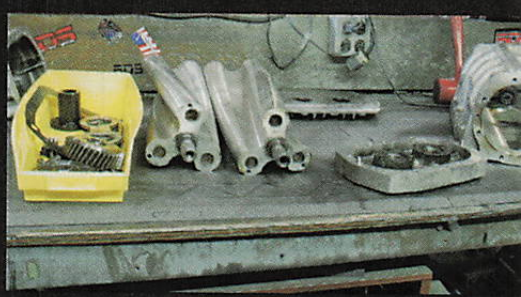
Upon inspection of the rear seals, you can see that the rubber has broken apart from almost half of the diameter of the seal, exposing the spring that holds the seal tight against the rotor shaft. This is where our leak was coming from.



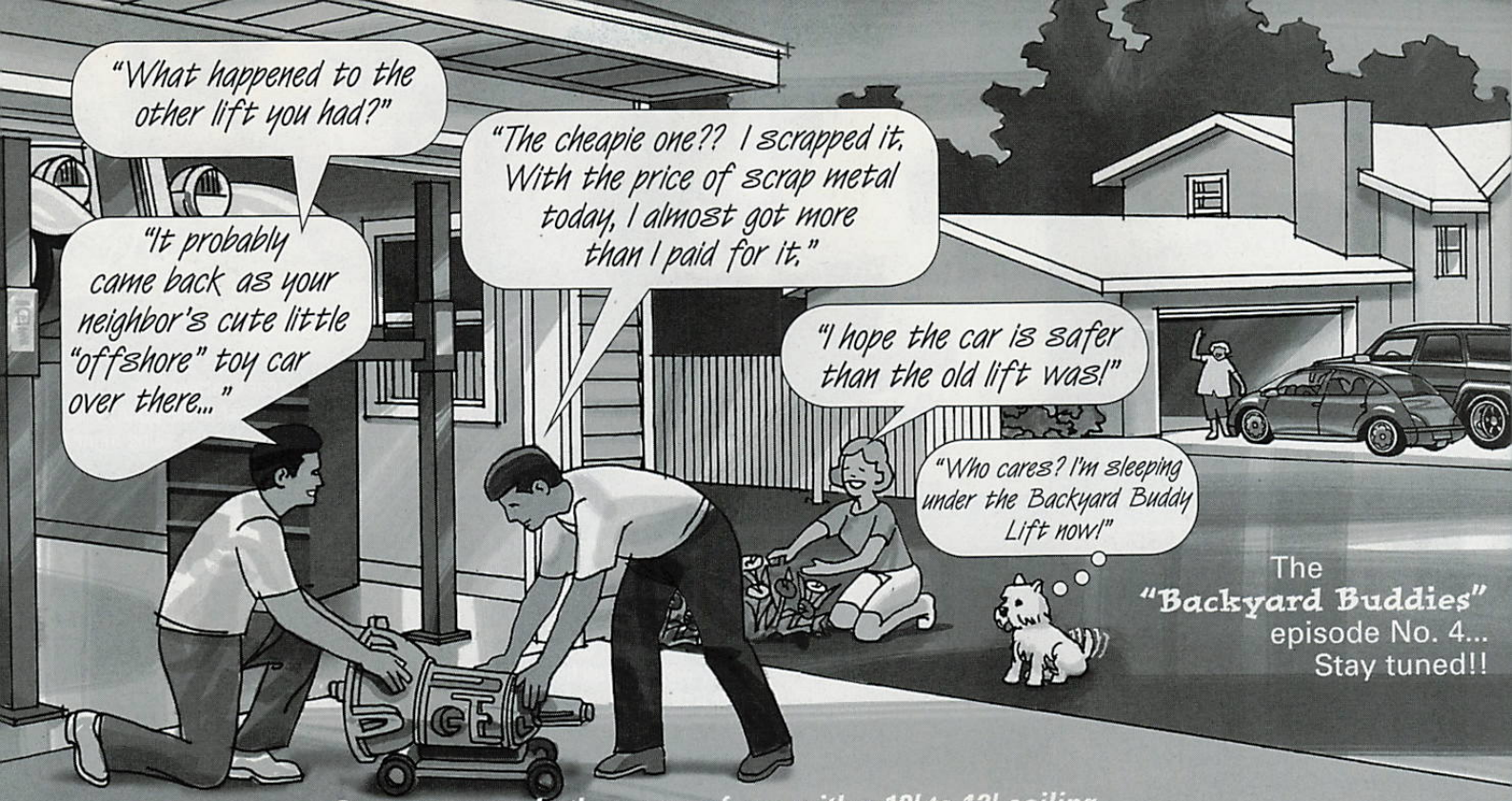
Here's a comparison of our front seal on the right, and a severely damaged seal on the left. It wouldn't have been long before our seal ended up looking like this and severely damaging our blower.



Here's a side-by-side comparison of our bearing (right) and a severely damaged one. You can see the grease and oil on our bearing was black and gummy, a result of over heating. The discoloration is also a clue to this. These kinds of conditions are what caused the bearing on the left to fail and come apart. When these kinds of situations arise, the damage is usually catastrophic for the life of the blower.



You have the snout, a box full of the timing gears, blower drive, rear bearing cover, hardware, etc., the two rotors, the front and rear bearing plates, and the blower housing.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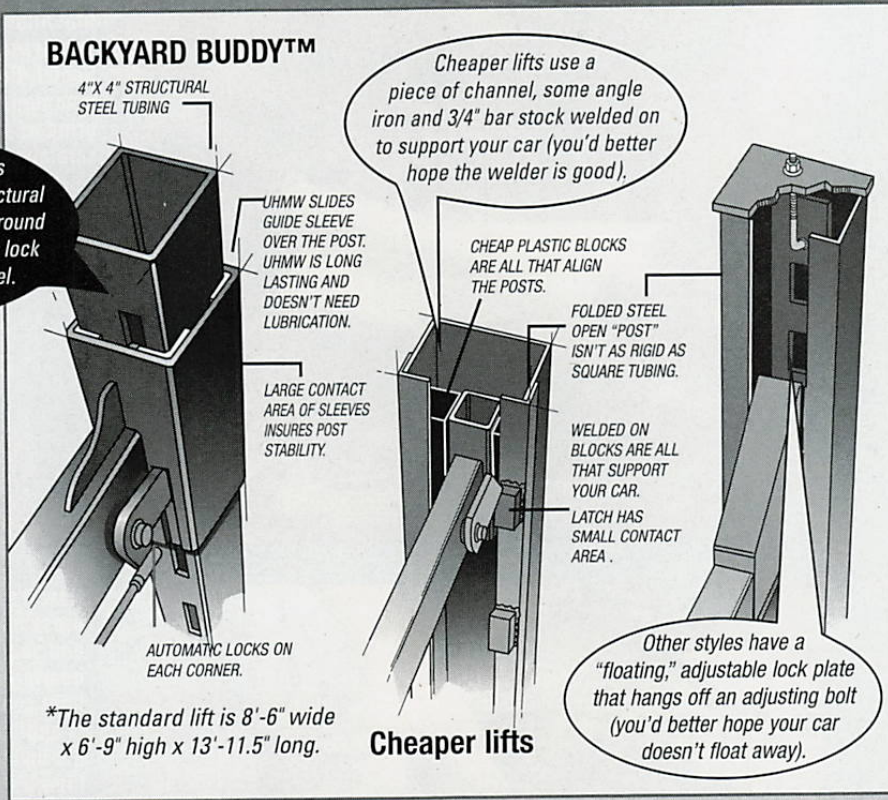
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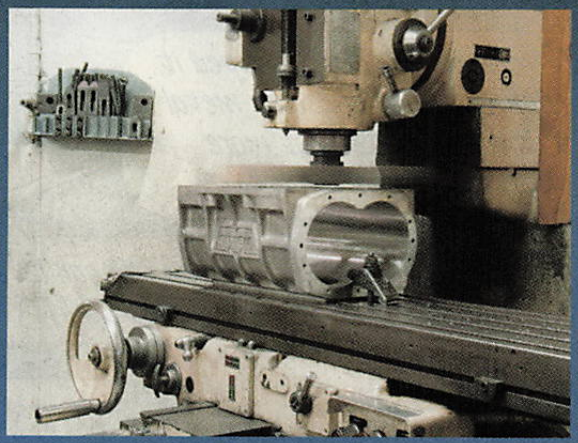
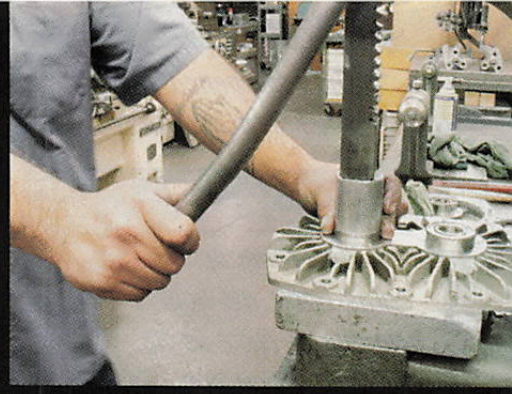
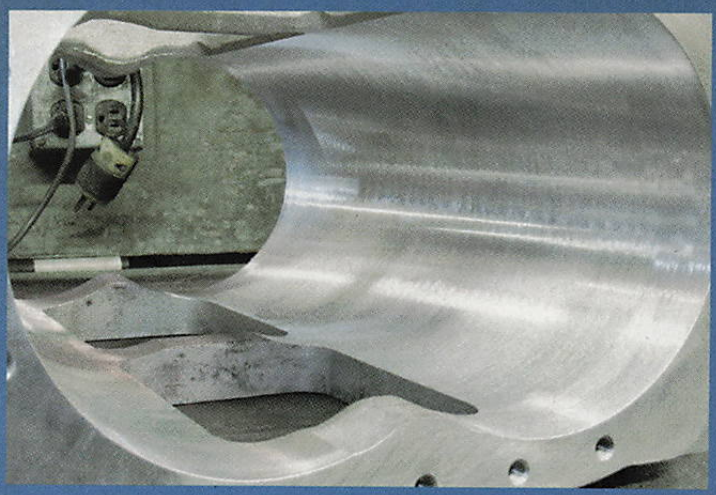


(above) We start off the rebuild process by cleaning the housing to get all the grease and grime off. *(right)* Next, it's off to the mill for a quick fly-cut to ensure the base is absolutely flat.

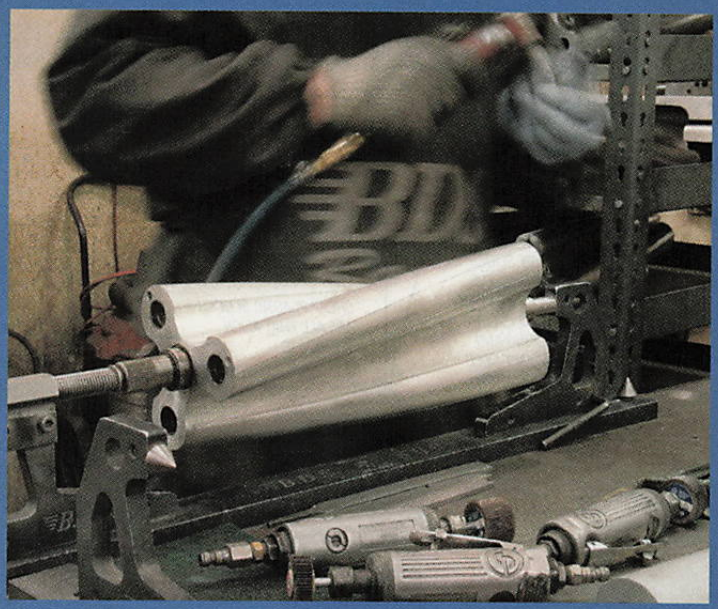


Javier presses in the rear bearings first, installing them from the rear of the plate. The front bearings are installed in the same manner.

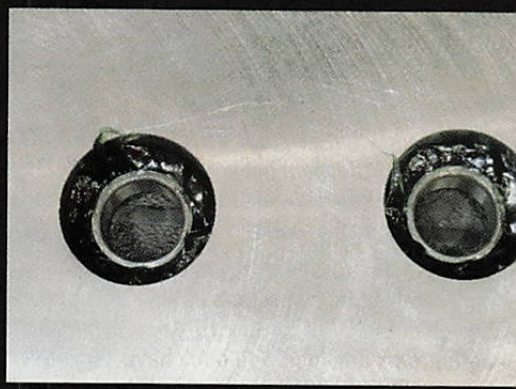


After a couple passes of the fly cutter, we removed about .005-inch; the rotor bores were honed to remove any nicks, scratches, or foreign debris.

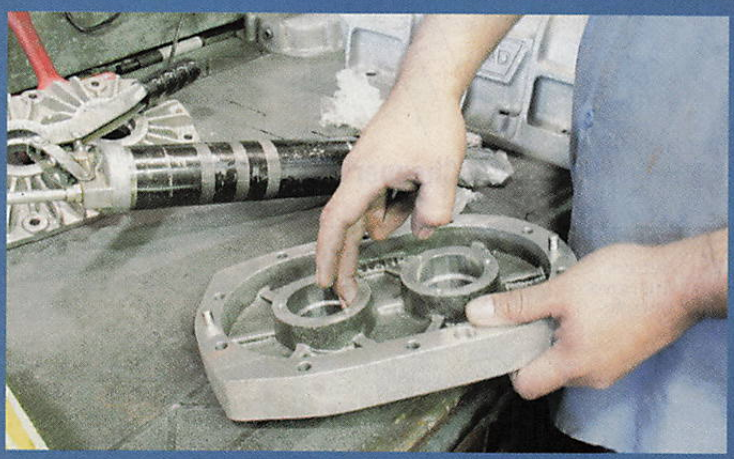
A sharpening stone is used to remove any nicks from the rotor surfaces of the bearing plates before installing the bearings.



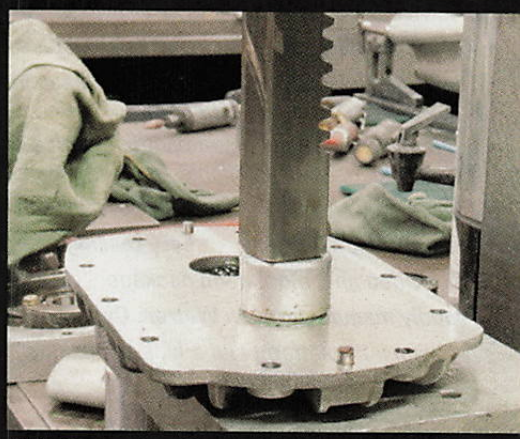
The rotors were then placed in a special jig that allows them to spin freely. Using a Scotch-Brite pad mounted to a DA grinder, all nicks, scratches, and gouges were removed to produce a flawless surface.



The rubber seals were removed from the bearings and discarded to allow the bearings to be packed with grease before final assembly. This will ensure that the bearings are properly lubricated and will greatly increase their lifespan.



Now it's time to press the bearings and seals into the bearing plates. A light coat of grease is applied to aid in the installation and then it's off to the press.



With the bearings installed and packed with grease, it was time to press in the seals. Once again, a light coat of grease was used as well as the arbor press.

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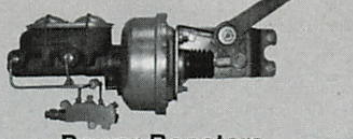

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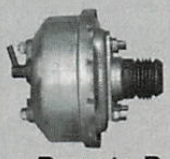

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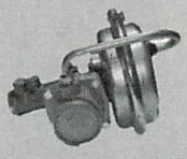

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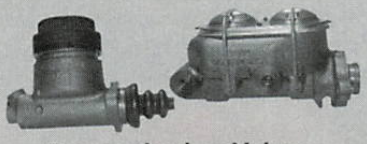

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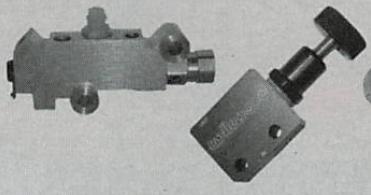

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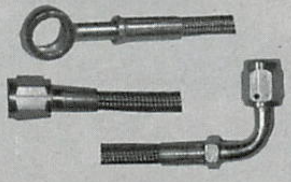

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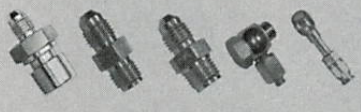

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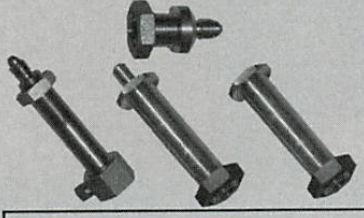

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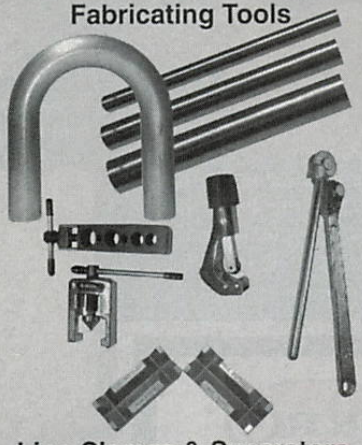

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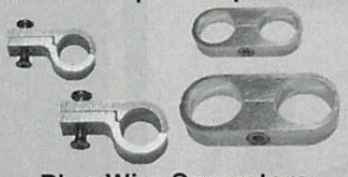

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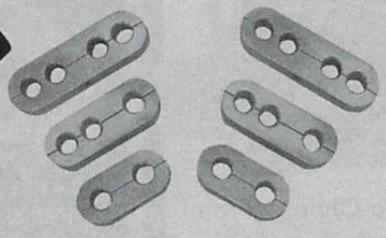

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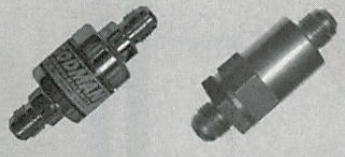

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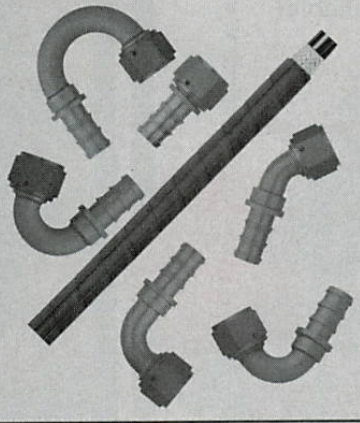

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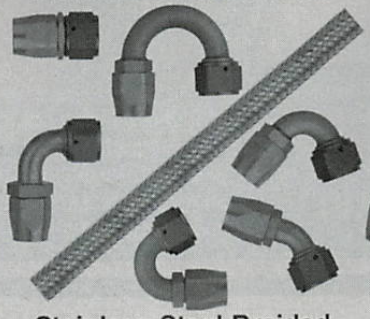

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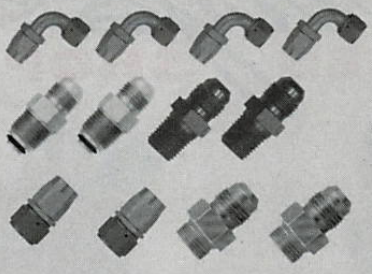

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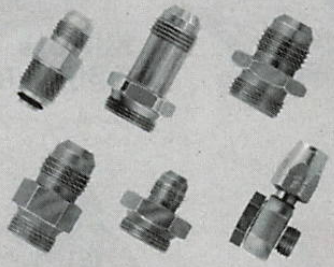

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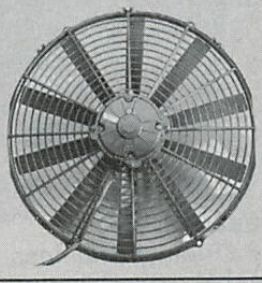

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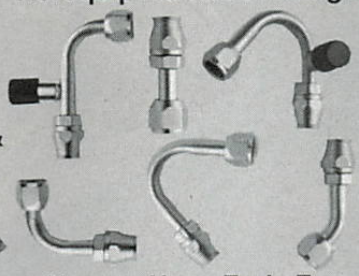

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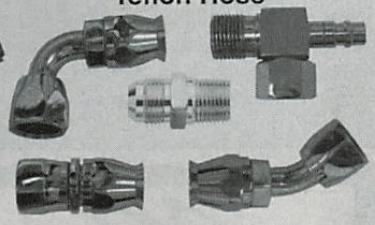

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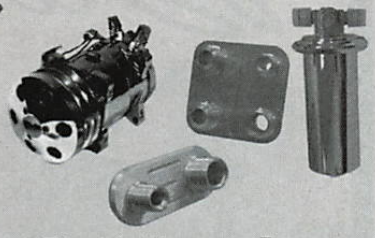

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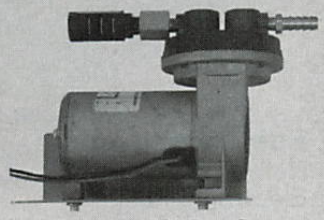

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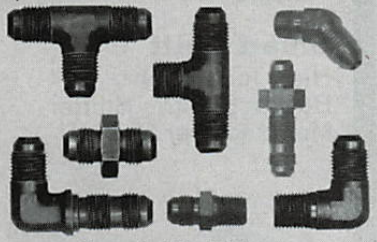

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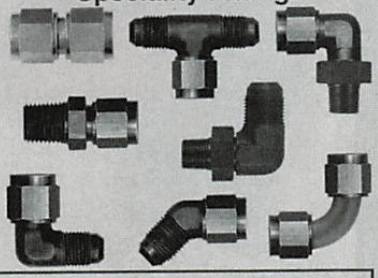

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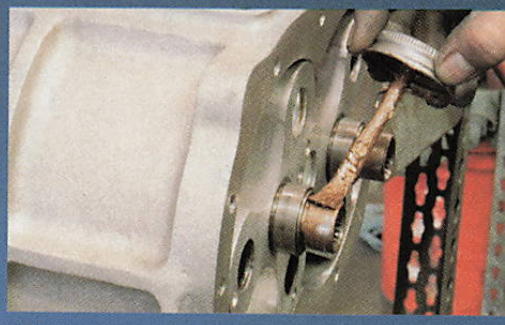
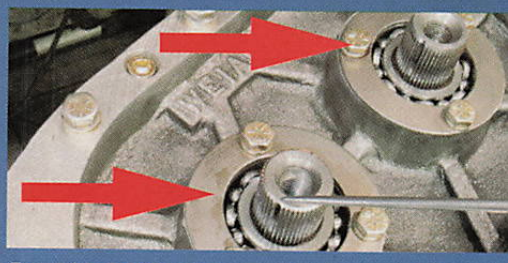
With the bearing retainers bolted to the front bearing plate, it can then be attached to the housing. Once again, a little "persuasion" may be necessary to get the plate to slide over the dowel pins.

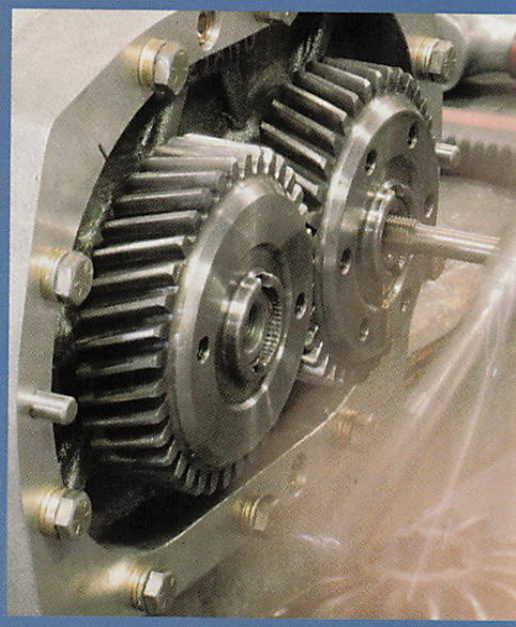
Now the rotors can be slid in through the back side and put up snug against the front plate.



A light coat of anti-seize was applied to the bearing surface of the rear rotors to keep them from galling.



From this photo you can see the groove on the splined end of the rotors both line up evenly to the left. You can see the two marks that indicate where the grooves lined up before disassembly on the top edge of the bearing plate. Remember that the rotors spin in opposite directions.



It's always a good idea to chase all threaded holes with the correct tap. If the gears are allowed to walk, the timing will be altered and may cause the rotors to come in contact with each other.

PROPER FOUNDATION

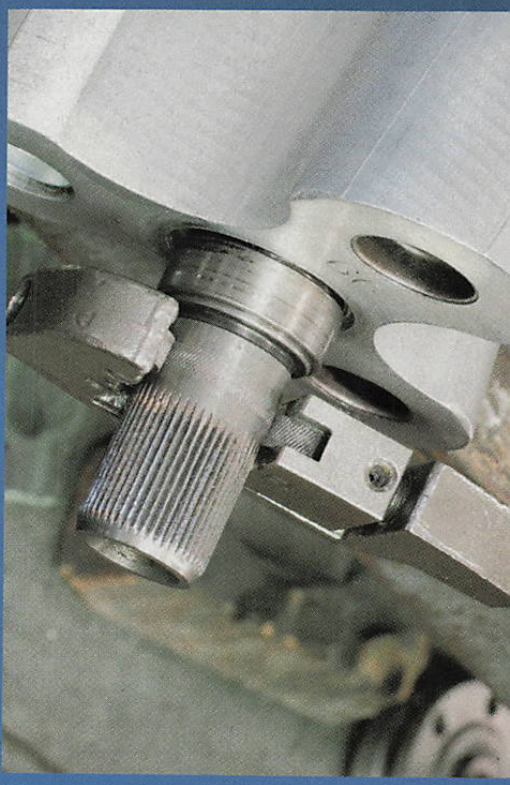
Laying the proper foundation for a long-lasting blower motor is the key to surviving the heat and added stress blower motors and their components are subjected to. We asked Blower Drive Service (BDS) to break down what the requirements were for a stout powerplant.

Starting with a freshly machined block in good condition is important. While two-bolt mains are acceptable for most mild applications up to about 7 lbs of boost, four-bolt mains are recommended for anything more. Steel crankshafts are recommended and should not be less than a 10/10 grind with both stock and 1/4-inch keys. Most factory rods with heavy-duty rod bolts are acceptable for mild blower systems up to 8 lbs of boost, while anything above 8 lbs should receive aftermarket, high-performance aluminum rods. All rods should be magnafluxed for cracks, shot-peened, beams polished, balanced, and bushed to size for full-floating pins. Forged, low-compression pistons are the best choice with full-floating pins and double Spiro locks or buttons. Lower-compression pistons enable the blower to produce higher blower boost for more low-end and midrange torque and allows the engine to run cooler and effortlessly when not under boost. Pistons with a higher compression ratio are not recommended because of over heating and excessive final compression ratios.

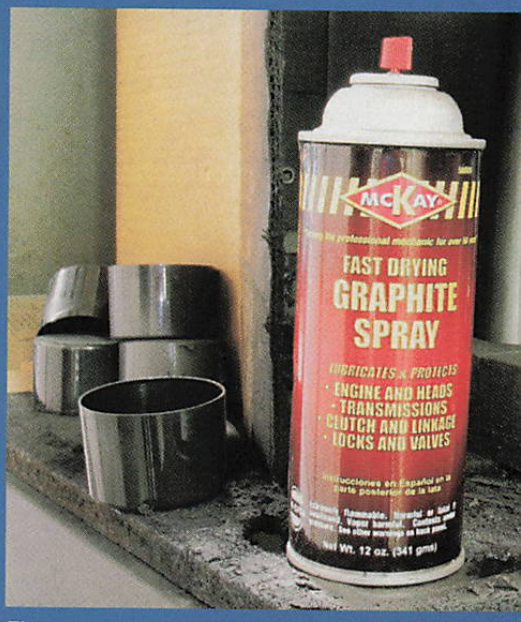
Factory heads work remarkably well in blower applications, while aftermarket heads provide even more performance. Heads in good condition typically only require a three-angle valve job and stainless steel valves are recommended, but porting and polishing is not necessary. Obviously, the secret to horsepower is cylinder-head airflow, but that doesn't always mean gigantic ports. The most important requirement for a blower motor is choosing the proper camshaft. This is one of those aspects where bigger is definitely not better. BDS offers a variety of cam specs ranging from mild to wild. Lobe centers for high-performance, high-revving motors can be in the 112- to 114-degree range, but the higher cylinder pressures create more heat that only motors using cooler burning fuels—such as alcohol and methanol—can survive. For a street-driven vehicle, 110-degree lobe centers will produce the best overall performance. The lift and duration of the cam you choose will depend upon the rpm range you wish your motor to perform. BDS recommends a hydraulic cam with .465-inch lift and 221 degrees of duration at .050-inch lift at the intake valve for a blown, street-driven small-block Chevy 350ci motor. These specs will give very good low-end torque, while still providing plenty of grunt up top. The maximum rpm for this cam will be around 6,500, which should be fine for the street. If more rpm is desired, a larger camshaft coupled with flat tappets, roller rockers, or full roller-cam setups are recommended.

With the short block figured out, it's time to move onto the fuel management, ignition, cooling system, and exhaust. According to BDS, "The overall performance of the entire engine package will be determined by the fuel-induction system." There are basically three choices when it comes to fuel

Once the gears are bolted to the rotors and everything is snug, a final check is performed. Rotor-to-housing clearance is checked, as is front and rear clearances. Clearance on a street blower is usually .007-.010-inch between the blower housing and the rotors and about the same for the front and rear clearances. The timing is also checked in a similar matter. Ideal timing for a street blower is a bit of an industry secret, but you usually want a bit more clearance between the lag side of the rotors. With the timing set, the rotors are removed one last time before final assembly.



A knurling tool was used on the bearing surfaces of each rotor to help avoid bearing spin. Bearing spin occurs when the rotor is able to spin inside of the bearing, instead of the rotor and bearing rotating as one. This causes additional heat and can lead to bearing failure.



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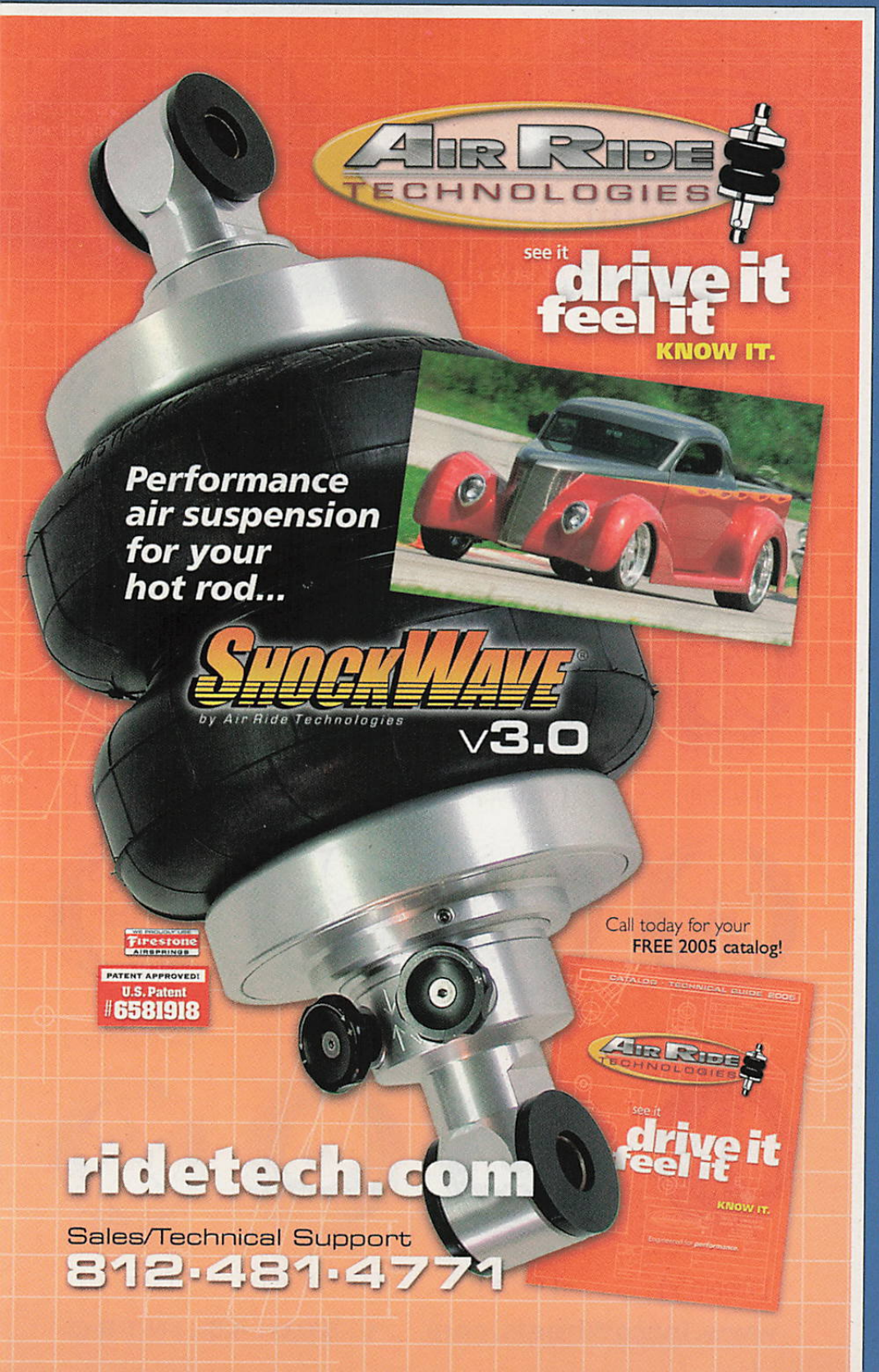

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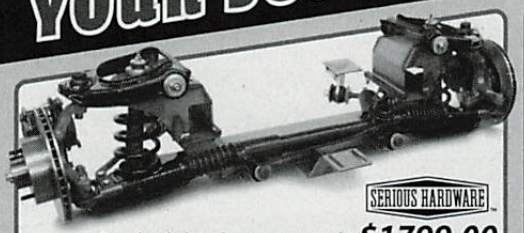

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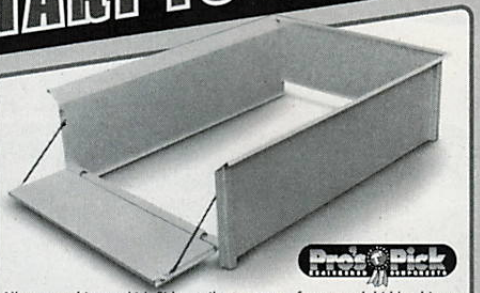

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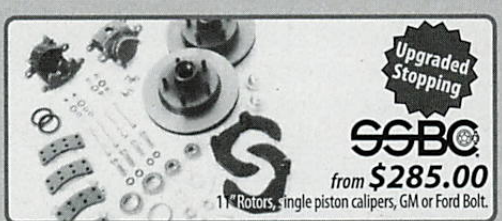

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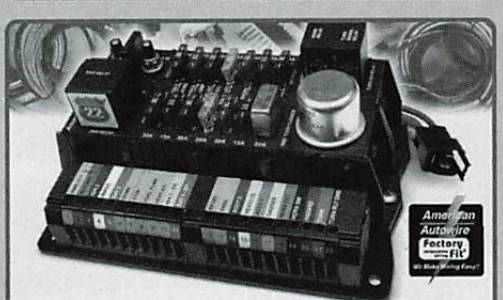

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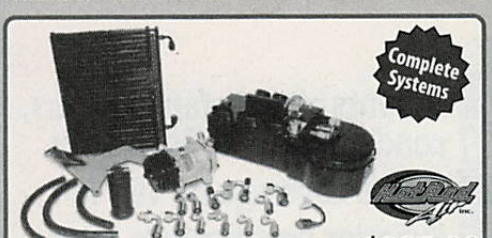

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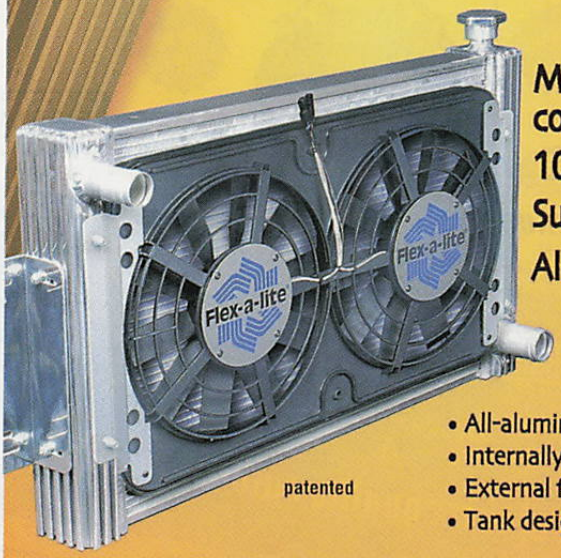

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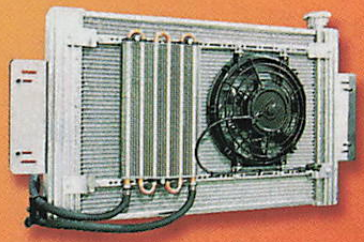

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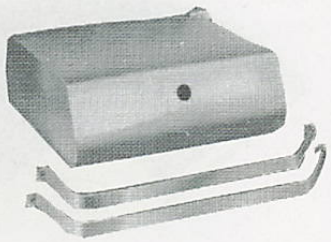

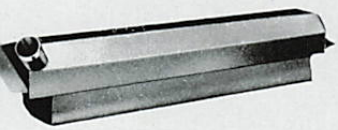

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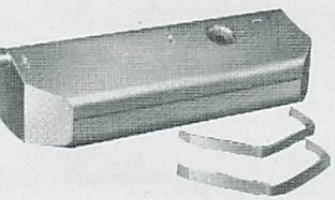

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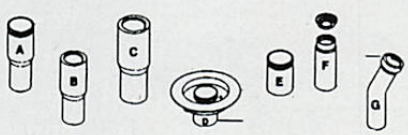

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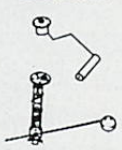

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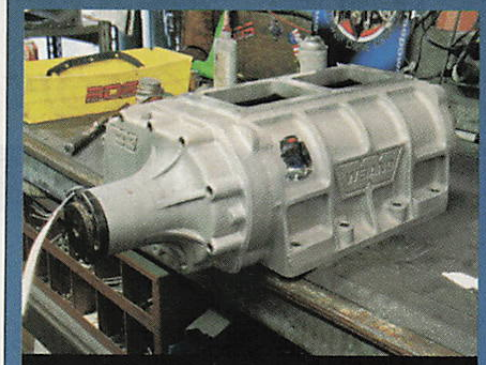

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exhausts can be restrictive and cause excessive back pressure, robbing the engine of power and causing additional heating problems as well as unusually high boost readings. Large, free flowing exhausts and headers are the recommended choices of the pros. Keep in mind that every circumstance is slightly different, so a little bit of experimentation may be necessary. Blower motors can make gobs of horsepower but can also be very streetable if a little bit of planning and forethought is put into the project.

WHAT NOT TO DO

Now that we've discussed what *to* do when building a blower motor, let's talk about what *not* to do and what to be aware of when tuning up your blown motor for the first time. One common misconception is that blown motors run hot. That's not necessarily true. A correctly tuned blown motor will run just as cool as a normally aspirated motor will if set up correctly. The biggest problem in blown applications is excessive heat. In an internal-combustion engine, two things generally cause excessive heat: retarded ignition timing and lean carburetion. Many factors, such as compression, blower drive ratio, engine load, and fuel octane, determine what the timing will be, but a general rule for a blown motor is about 26 degrees initial with 32-36 degrees total at 3,000 rpm. Retarded timing ignites the air/fuel mixture closer to maximum compression than advanced timing, which results in hotter temperatures. A lean situation can be as simple as adjusting the air/fuel screws, or as complex as reprogramming the fuel map on an EFI setup, every application is slightly different. Both of these two situations often times show themselves in the form of red-hot exhaust pipes and higher-operating temperatures. Another common misconception is that blown motors won't idle smooth enough to be reliably street driven. Usually, these situations are the result of incorrect cam choices, a severe vacuum leak, improper ignition timing, or improperly adjusted carbs or fuel injection.

A blower is a fairly simple device with only a few moving parts. They are relatively self-sufficient and require very little maintenance when properly installed and prepared. The only maintenance necessary is the checking of the oil in the end plates that lubricate the bearings with 90-weight oil. There are a few things to keep in mind when installing a blower for the first time. It is very important to tighten the blower to the manifold in a staggered pattern (i.e. front right, rear left, rear right, etc.). Turn the rotors by hand as the blower is torqued down to avoid tightening the blower incorrectly and binding the rotors. If any resistance is felt, back the bolt off and start the sequence over, slowly tightening each individual bolt evenly. Once they are relatively tight, torque them to the manufacturer's specs in the same sequence. Bolting the blower down using this process will avoid warping the housing and causing premature wear to the rotors and bearings. Over-tightening the blower drivebelt is another common mistake. The drivebelts don't need much tension; you should be able to push the non-idler side in about 3/4-inch or so. A lot of people will over-tighten the belt to adjust the amount of "whine" the blower puts out, which puts added pressure on the drive snout and manifold bolts. This extra tension can cause the blower housing to warp, break free from the manifold, cause premature wear in the rotors and bearings, and put added stress on the drive pulleys. A properly setup blower should last the life of the motor. SR

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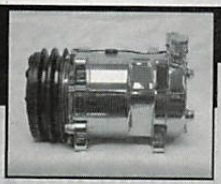

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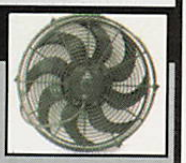

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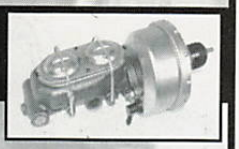

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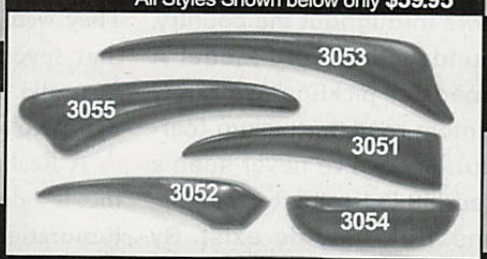

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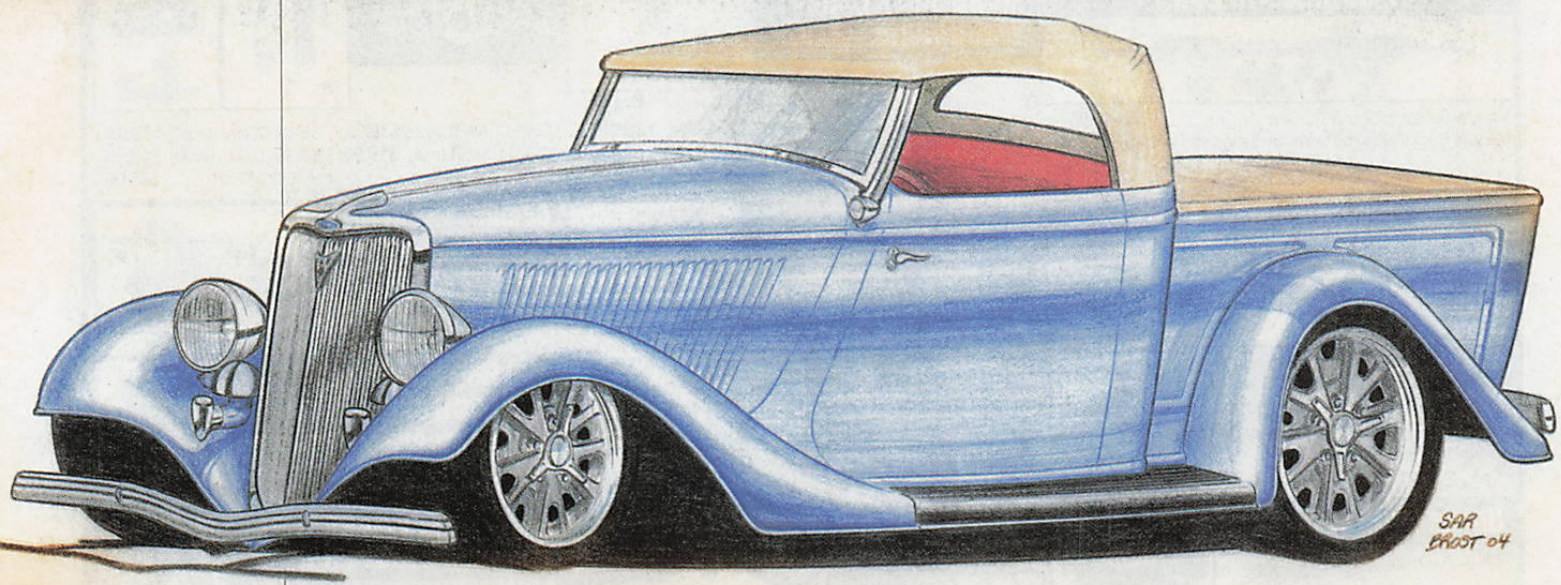
a real steel '33-'34 ford roadster pickup cab



After getting feedback from *Custom Classic Truck*'s feature editor and his father on what the pickup should look like, Dave Brost, of Steve's Auto Restorations, rendered the '34 Ford roadster pickup.

Traveling to shows throughout the country, we see an abundance of Ford Model A and '32 Ford roadster pickups. We rarely see a '33-'34 Ford phantom roadster pickup (car-bodied roadster pickup). And we've never seen a real commercial bodied '33-'34 roadster pickup, except in photographs. But, they do exist. By commercial body, we refer to the '33-'34 Ford truck grille, hood, fenders, doors, bed, and other truck body panels that were used. According to Jim Wagner, author of "Ford Trucks Since 1905," the Ford Motor Company manufactured 347 roadster pickups in 1934.

Also in 1934, Ford of Australia began building coupe utilities, or Utes for short (see *STREET RODDER*, August 2005 for the first look). Utes were the first Rancheros, in which the bed and cab were one piece. They had the art deco-influenced car grille and flowing coupe/roadster fenders, first penned by the talented British-born Ford automotive designer, Gene "Bob" Gregori. Aussie Ford Utes were available either with folding roadster tops or as closed cabs. They were an instant hit Down Under; so much so that several automotive manufacturers based in Australia and New Zealand still offer present-day Ranchero and El Camino variants.

A Real Steel '34 Ford roadster pickup? Real Steel Inc. is a division owned and operated by Steve's Auto Restorations (SAR), in Portland, Oregon. SAR is a multi-faceted professional shop that specializes in transforming automotive dreams into reality. SARs owner, Steve Frisbie, nurtured his love for all things automotive in his father's service station. Given Steve's passion, experience, knowledge, and expertise with vintage automobiles in general, and the '33-'34 Ford roadster in particular, we knew SAR would be the place to create the '34 Ford roadster pickup cab.

To give the roadster pickup an aggressive street rod look, we needed a shortened, hot rod-style bed, which would be in proportion to the graceful '34 roadster car-styled cab. We investigated several vintage pickup bed manufacturers, and learned that Pro's Pick, in Fergus, Ontario, Canada, manufactures custom-length pickup beds to order.

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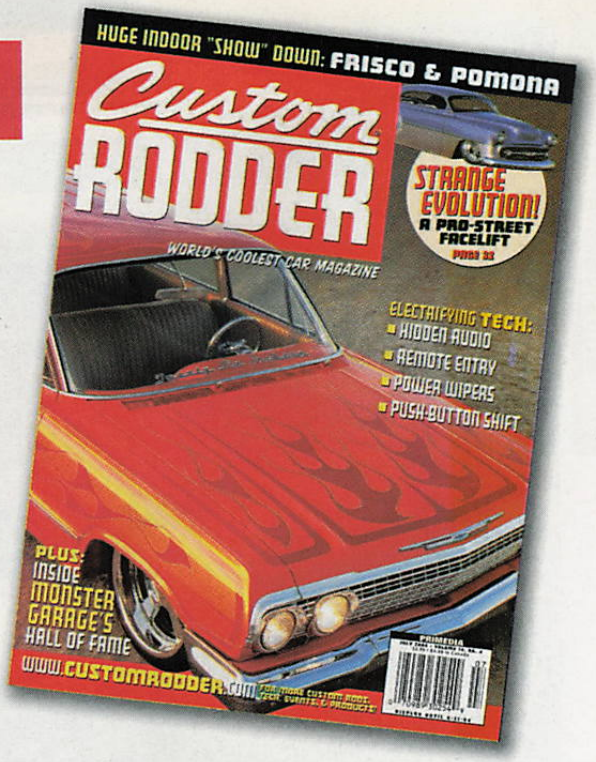

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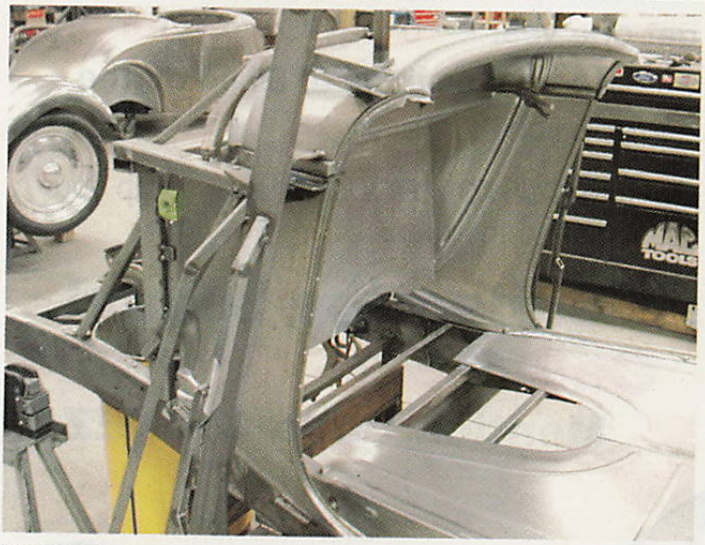
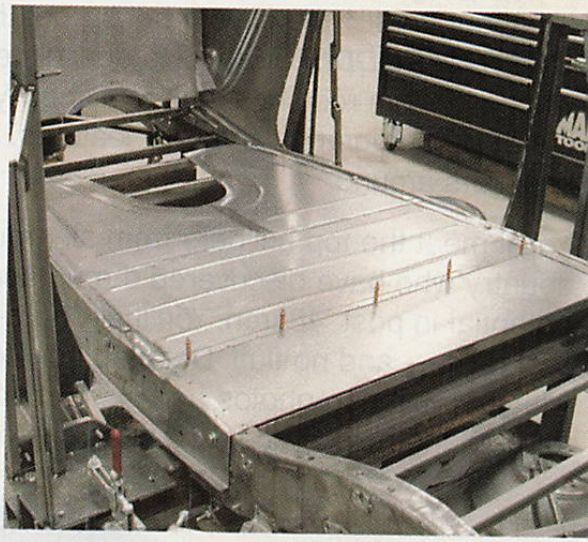
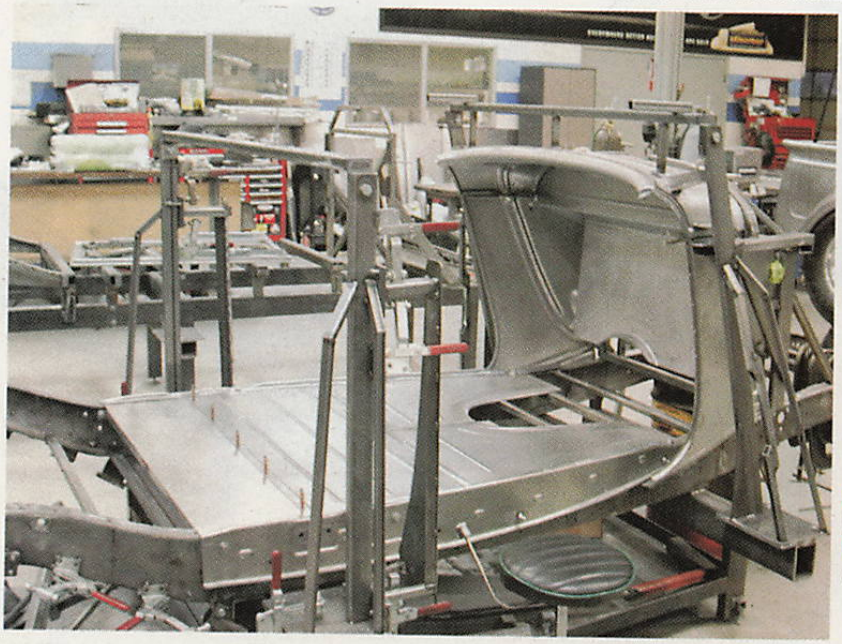
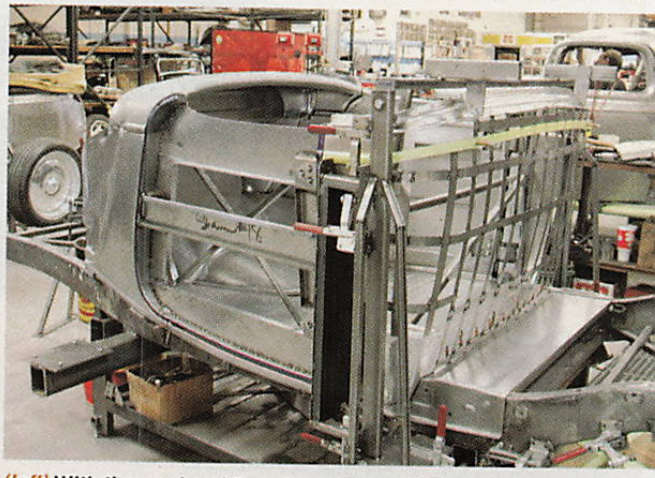


(left) Positioning the cowl top and sides exactly is crucial to correctly fabricating the roadster pickup cab, because much of the body is aligned to the cowl top and sides. *(right)* SAR next installed the front half of the cab's floor and the sub-'rails in the body fixture.







(left) With the cowl and floor in position, SAR's technicians began to construct the doorframes. *(above)* Once the doorposts, doorframes, and rear cockpit reveal were in place, SAR began to shape the rear cab wall.

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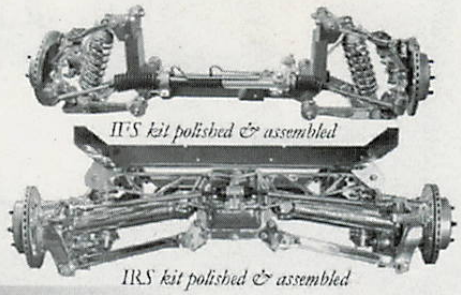

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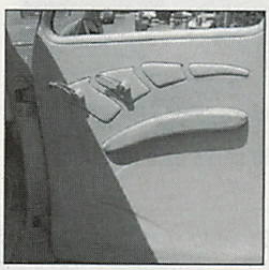

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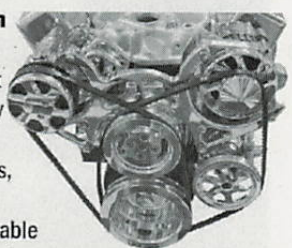

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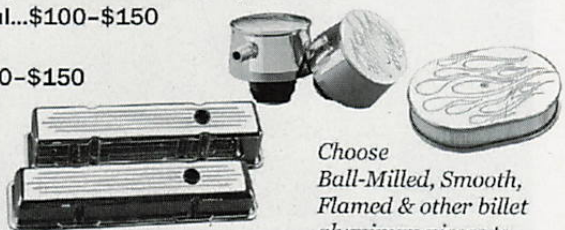

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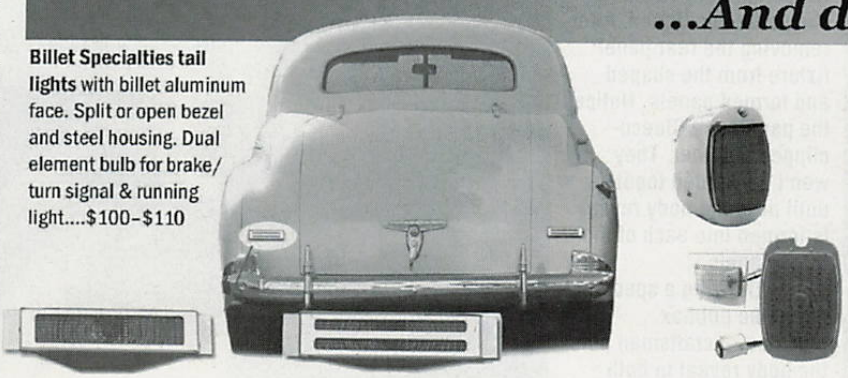

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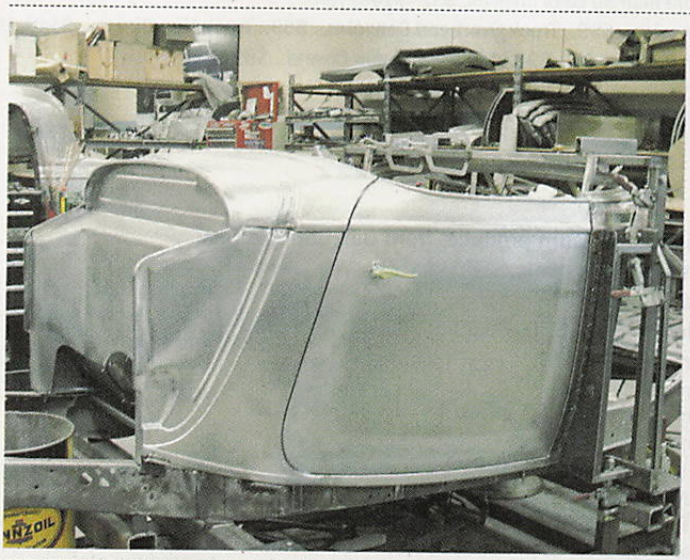
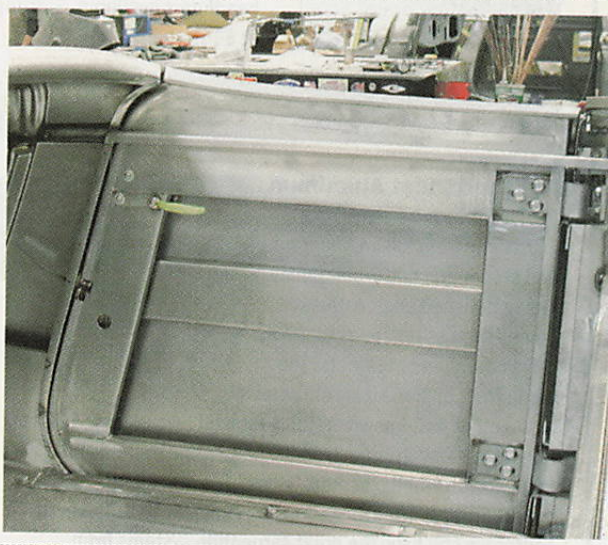
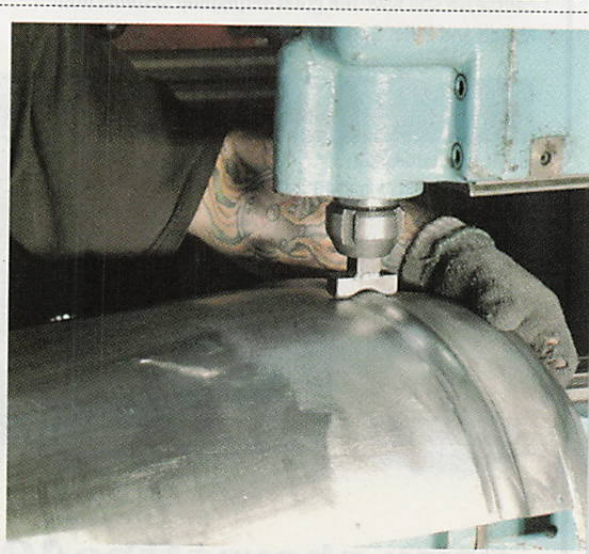


(left) SAR employees skinned the doors with sheetmetal first so the cab sides behind the doors matched the contour of the doors and sides. *(right)* To avoid any future alignment problems, SAR's fabricators welded the doors, floor, and cowl fully into place before shaping the rear cab wall and the rear cab corners.



(left) The crew used lime green tape to determine where the body reveal should be positioned, after removing the rear panel fixture from the shaped and formed panels. Notice the panels are Cleeco-clipped together. They won't be welded together until after the body reveal is formed into each of the three panels. *(right)* Utilizing a special die in the pulmax machine, a craftsman puts the body reveal in both rear cab corners, as well as the rear cab wall.



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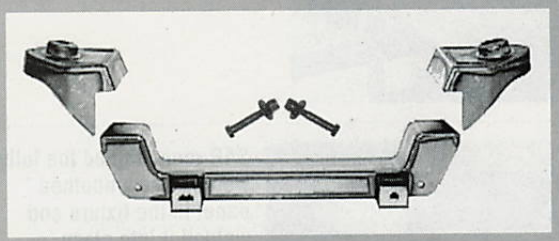

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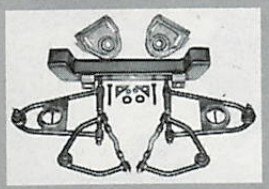

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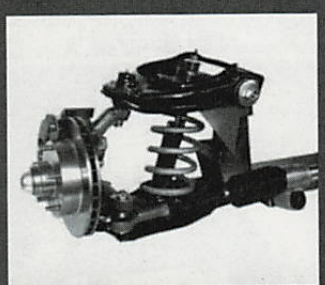

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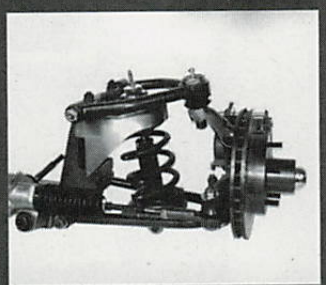

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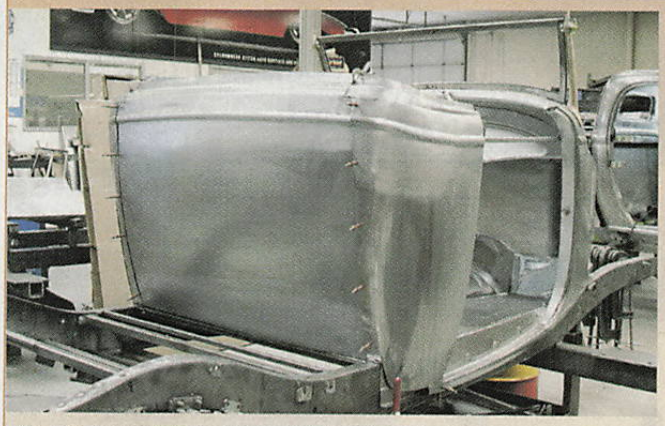
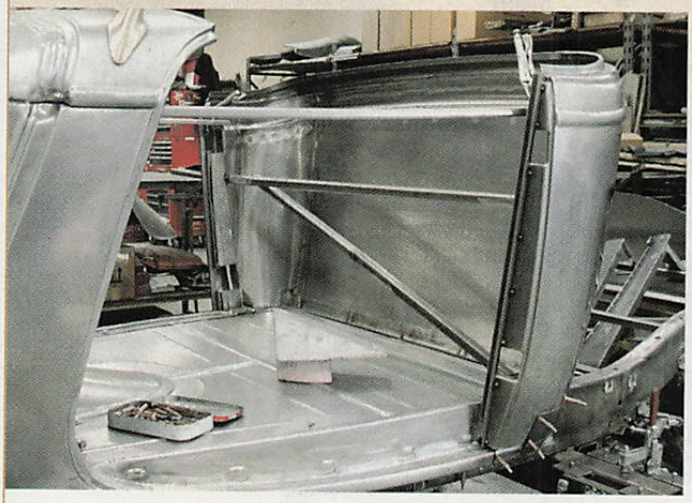
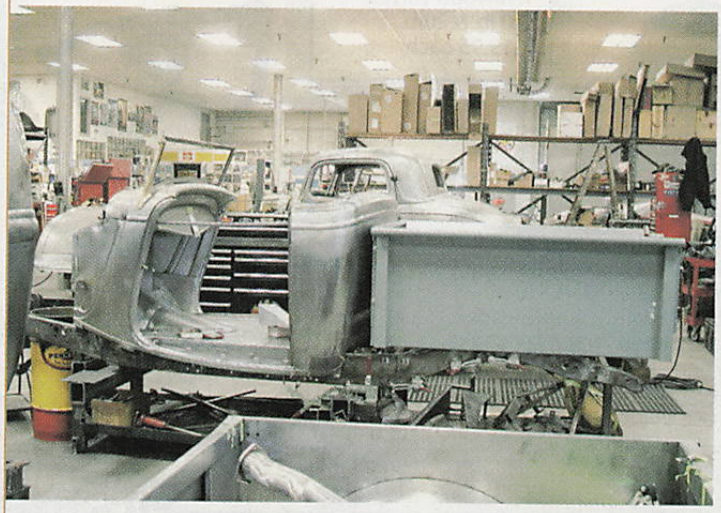


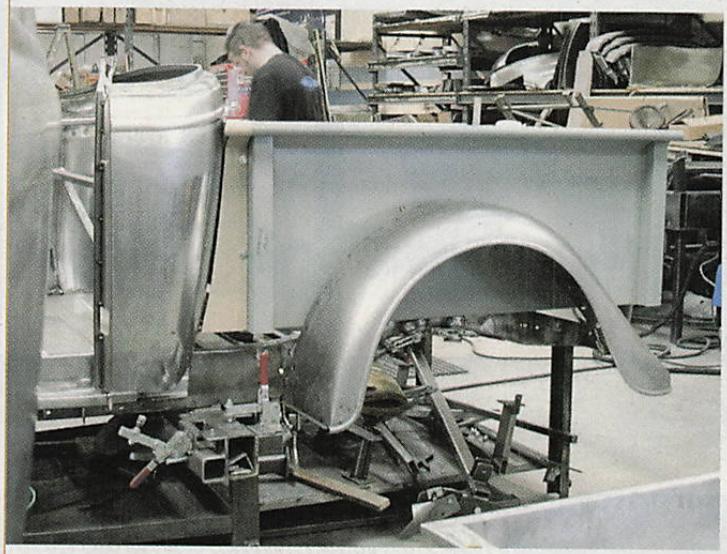
Held in place with Cleeco clips, SAR repositioned the three panels on the body to check their alignment before being welded together.



SAR repositioned the fully welded and smoothed panel in the fixture and welded it into place.



With the construction of the roadster pickup cab complete, SAR put together the custom-length Pro's Pick bed and installed the bed on the '34 frame. Pro's Pick beds can be ordered with custom-length bedsides. SAR determined that the roadster pickup bedsides should be 54 inches.



To blend the two forms together, SAR clamped a rear fender in place and began forming cardboard templates.

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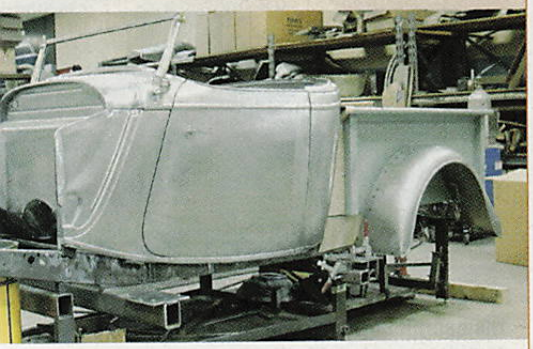
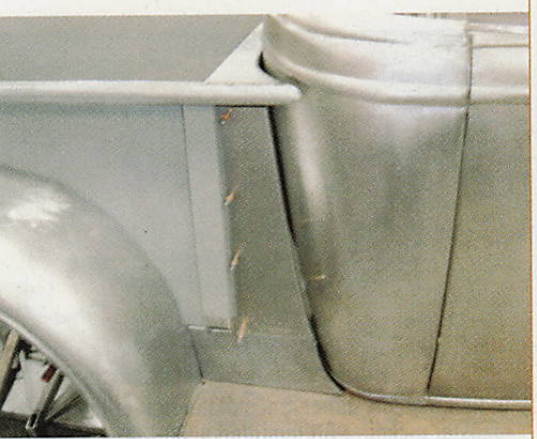
SAR trimmed the cardboard template until the filler piece flowed nicely with the curvature of the cab.



To achieve the proper look, they also decided to graft extensions to the bedrails.



The temporarily Cleeco-clipped filler piece creates a pleasant transition between the cab and the bed.

Before welding the piece fully into place, SAR tack-welded the bedrail filler panel to check its shape and fitment.

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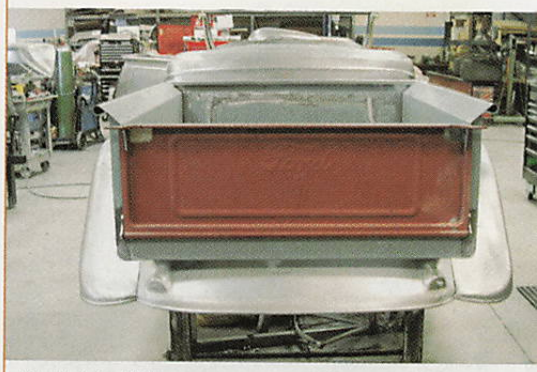
To most efficiently graft the filler pieces, SAR removed the bed from the rear of the frame.

The bedrail now hugs the curvaceous cab and provides a custom fit. We also procured the bedrail extension stock from Pro's Pick.



To finish off the appearance of the rear of the roadster pickup, SAR modified a '33-'34 coupe/roadster fuel tank cover to fill the vacant space between the two rear fenders.

Since the truck would look more like an Aussie roadster pickup than one of the 347 commercial bodied Ford roadster pickups, we needed to obtain steel coupe/roadster fenders. Specialized Sheetmetal, in Clayton, Ohio, stamps '33-'34 fenders and sells to pro shops across the U.S., including SAR.

While we lined up the necessary components to go with SAR's first '33-'34 Ford roadster pickup cab build, Steve commissioned one of his craftsmen, Dave Brost, to create a rendering of the truck. The stylized drawing would serve as a blueprint to proceed—and proceed they did. The SAR crew isn't as fast as Ford's '30s assembly line, but they're abundantly more creative and talented. Follow along in words and photos to see how Steve's Auto Restorations worked bare-metal magic with 19-gauge sheetmetal. SR

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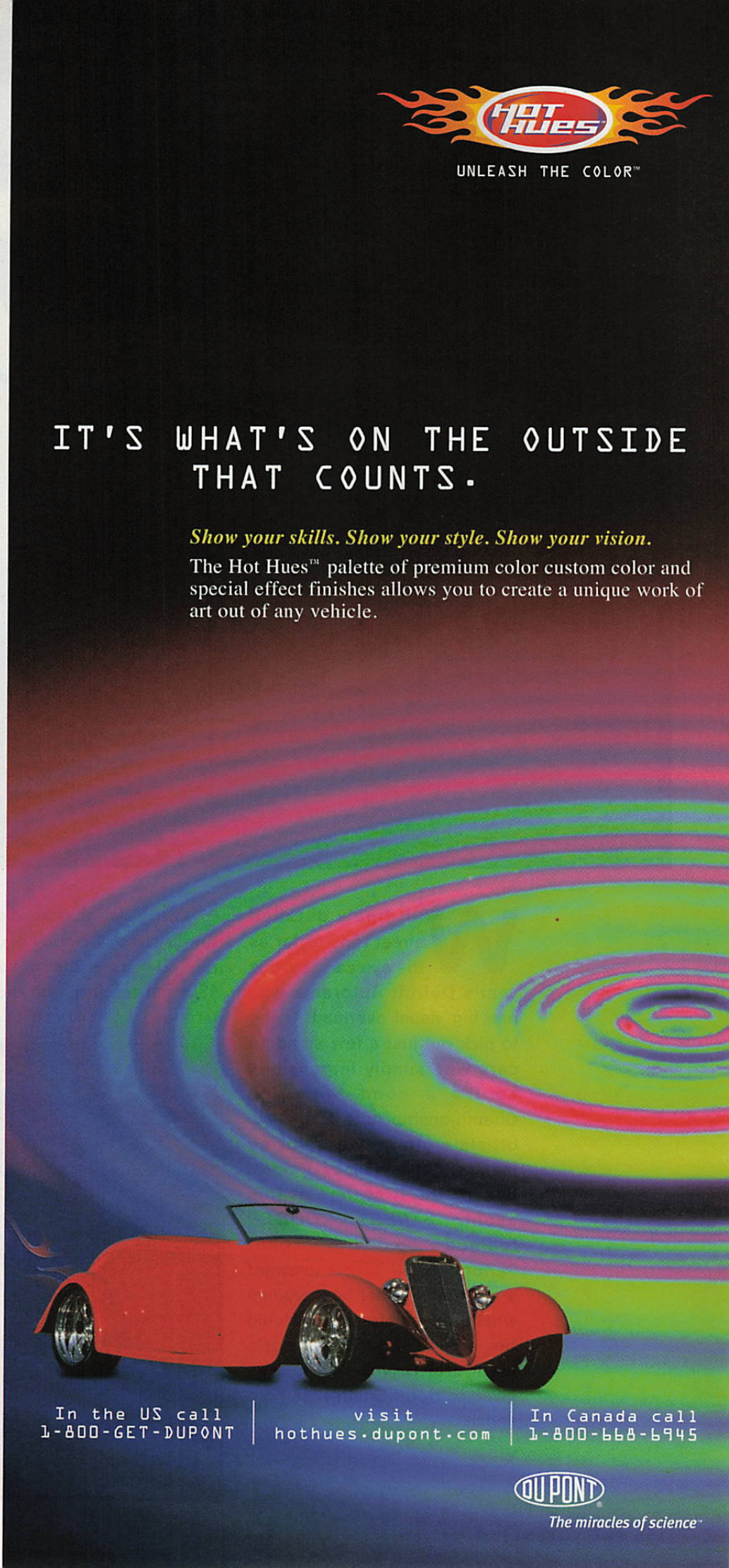

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norm smith's '48 stands the test of time

Bob Briggs and Charlie Drewey of the Doghouse Garage out of South Lyon, MI, did an amazing job smoothing the '48's body and applying the bright yellow paint. Body mods include a clean shave, hand-punched louvers, and one-piece door glass.

With finely detailed street rods as far as the eye can see, this year's Detroit Autorama was one big visual overload. Trying to pick out just a few standout cars was simply impossible, so it's a good thing the Championship Auto Show Inc. officials offer awards for so many different classes of rides, but for the first time at this event, *STREET RODDER* teamed up with Lokar Performance Products to award a car that we feel best typifies what a driven street rod should be all about. This year's inaugural Driven Award was given to Norm Smith's '48 Ford sedan.

What makes this car so special isn't the fact that Norm has owned it for 30 years, or the fact that the '48 is put together with the right parts to stand the test of time. What makes it perfect for this award is the fact that Norm has spent the last 30 years driving the wheels off her. Every summer Norm and his better half enjoy

Norm's '48 features a super clean interior with the dash full of Dakota Digital gauges, a Vintage Air unit, an ididit steering column with a Lecarra wheel, and a beautifully stitched dark-brown cloth interior by Laird's Upholstery of Plymouth, MI.

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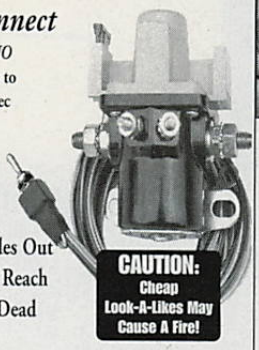

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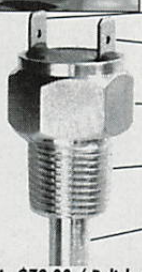

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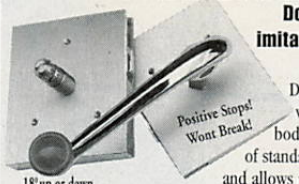

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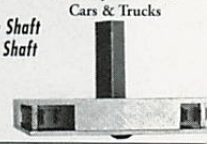

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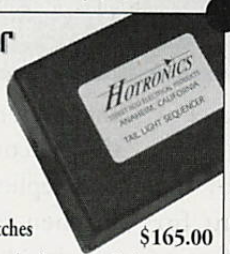

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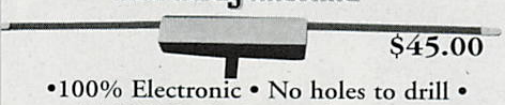

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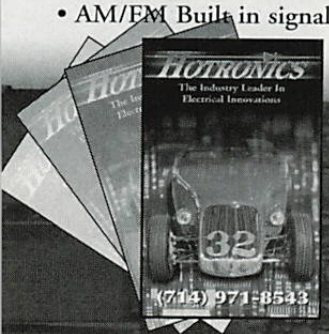

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cross-country trips to numerous car shows (pulling a 20ft trailer by the way), as well as cruising around their home in South Lyon, Michigan, every weekend and more than a few days a week. It may be hard to see in the photos, but Norm's '48 has more than 180,000 miles showing on the odometer—now that's driven!

Another cool part of the Detroit Autorama event for Norm was a reunion of sorts between he and his fellow car club members. Celebrating their 50th year at the Autorama seemed natural, but what made that even more amazing was the display constructed in the form of a replica of Norm's mother's kitchen table where the first official club meeting was held on March 3, 1955. Here's to wishing Norm and his '48 another 30 years of happy cruising.

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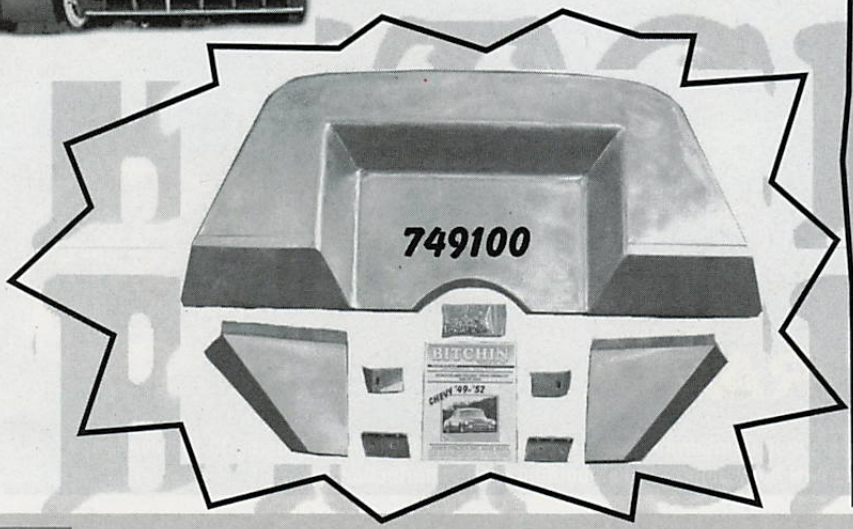

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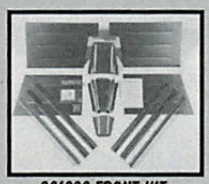

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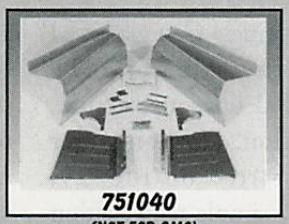

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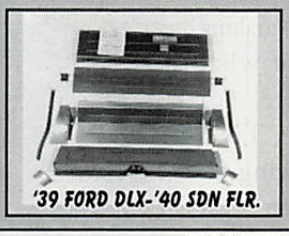

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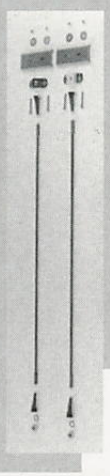

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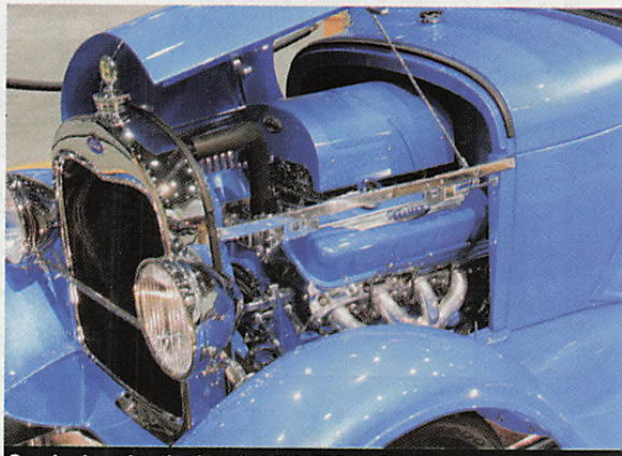
Gary Brigham's '29 roadster blends a ton of polished aluminum with Lamborghini's Ice Blue paint for a more-than pleasing-to-the-eye look. TNT Customs of Hollysprings, GA, did a bang-up job building new body panels and smoothing it all to perfection.

What other event of this magnitude calls upon rodders from coast to coast to spend countless hours constructing works of art just for the purpose of being able to debut them here at the Detroit Autorama? After all, this event offers some of the most prestigious awards the street rodding world has to offer, and on top of that, there is an unending amount of recognition to anyone that builds rods of this caliber.

We were lucky enough to capture one of those such rides right on the Autorama show floor as you see it here on this page. Gary Brigham of Kennesaw, Georgia, originally took ownership of this '29 Ford roadster pickup back in the early '90s. Since then he and his wife have logged some 35,000 miles on the '29 and felt it was time for a freshening up, if you will.

The Hollysprings, Georgia-based rod shop by the name of TNT Customs headed up construction, or reconstruction. Not long after production started on the '29, Gary's idea of a simple rejuvenation turned into a full-blown build, including hand-making almost half of what you see here for the boys at TNT Customs. Having already started on a car specifically for the Detroit Autorama, Gary knew TNT would be the right shop to transform the '29 into the show-stopper he always dreamed of.

To get things started off on the right foot, TNT Customs built a brand-new foundation for the '29 from 2x4-inch tubing, then added a show-quality Kugal Komponents IFS, and a hand-built stainless 9-inch Ford look-alike rearend by Terry Womack of Atlanta, Georgia. In fact, every piece of the chassis and suspension is of the best quality for the right kind of look, and more importantly, for a long life of reliable driving. Besides,



One look under the hood of this '29 and you are instantly amazed at how beautiful a big-horsepower engine can look. TNT custom-built a set of valve covers and a doghouse-style air cleaner cover to top Chevrolet's 600hp 502ci big-block engine.

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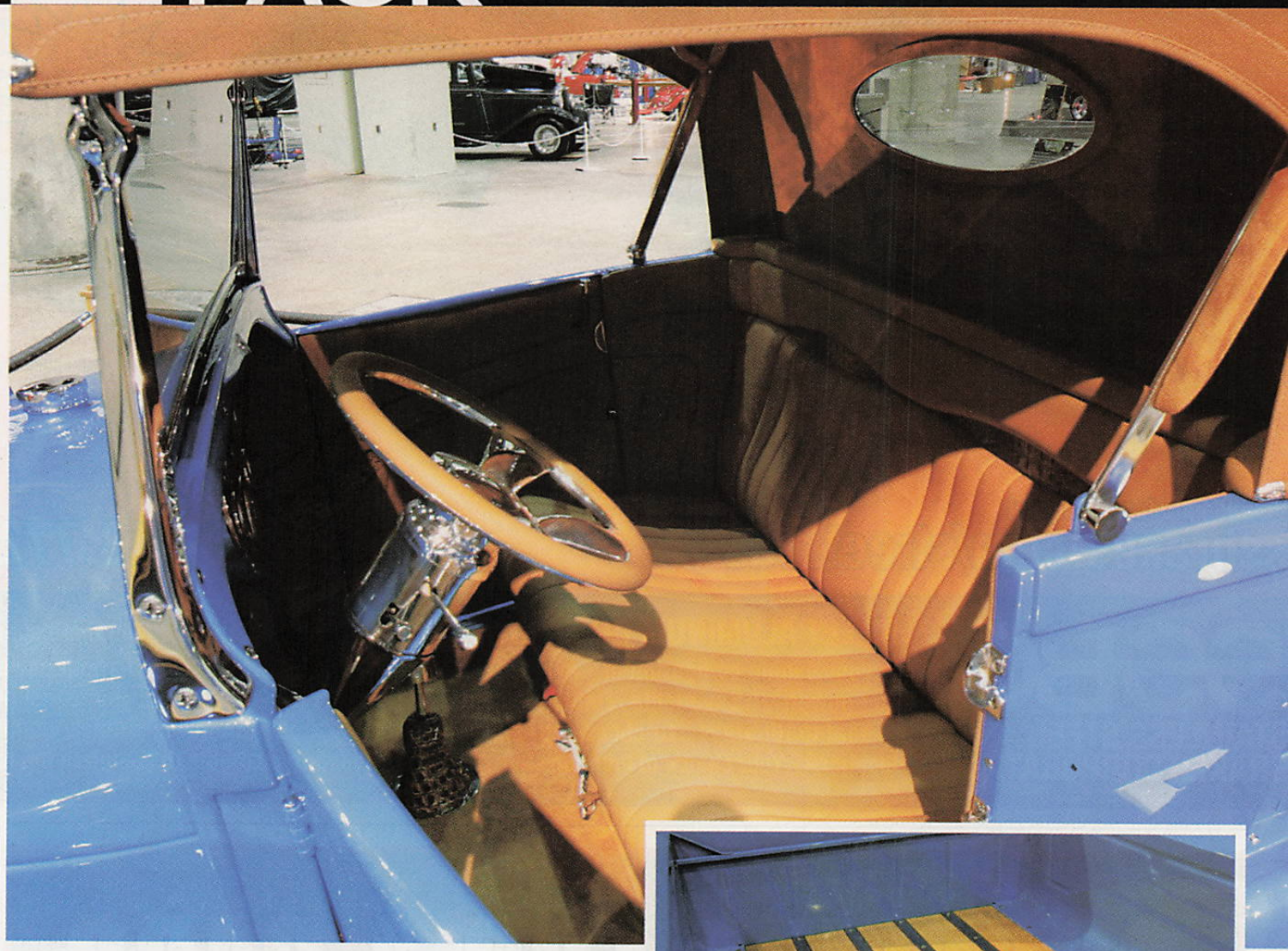

if you want to run a 600hp 502ci Chevy big-block, you better build a foundation as tough as this one.

TNT Custom also took care of transforming the stock-bodied '29 into a custom-built flawlessly smooth PPG Lamborghini Ice-colored show piece. Look closely and you will notice a ton of custom work by TNT, like the modified Ford commercial headlights and '29 Ford taillights, smooth custom firewall set back 4.5 inches from stock, and the bitchin 2-inch chop.

Rounding out the build was a tasteful interior job by M&M Upholstery of Hollypond, Alabama. M&M expertly stitched faux crocodile inserts with a rich, tan leather. M&M also handled the construction of a custom bench seat and bitchin' one-off steering wheel. Terry Womack is responsible for the handmade gauge insert that houses a set of Classic Instruments gauges so perfectly.

All in all, we figure many simple projects start out like Gary's '29, then along the way things just get a little out of hand and end up being big-time show-stopping builds, just like Gary's. It's a good thing too; otherwise what would the rest of us have to work toward? SR

(top) With a combination of faux crocodile and a mix of Mercedes and Rolls Royce leather and suede, M&M Upholstery of Hollypond, AL, had its hands full, but did an outstanding job of making it all look so naturally rich. M&M also custom-built the bench seat that looks soooo comfy. *(above)* Have you ever seen a nicer truck bed? The combination of colors and the quality of workmanship put this pickup bed into a category of cool all to its self. *(below)* Not only are American Racing five-spoke wheels as hot rod as it gets, they also take on another role as full-show once they are treated to a full polish job. Gary's '29 runs 17x9s out back, with a more traditionally sized 15x6s up front with Dunlop rubber at all four corners.

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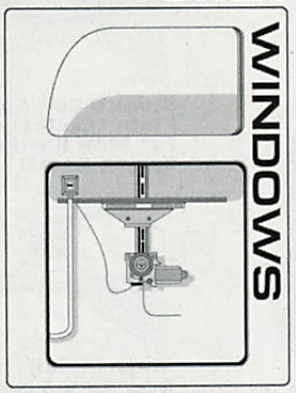

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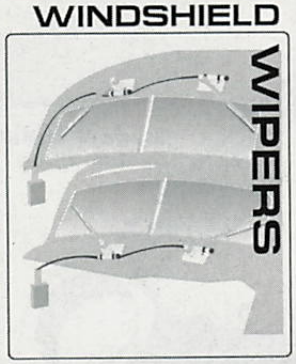

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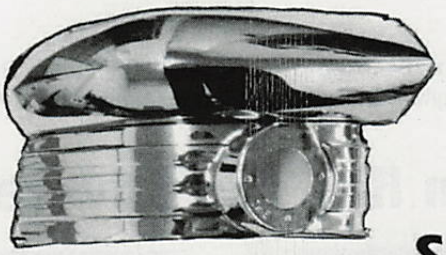

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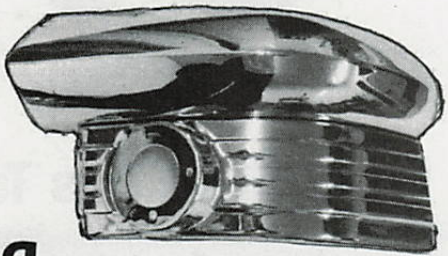

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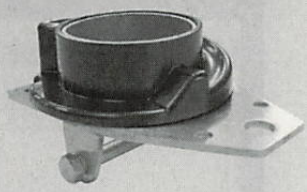

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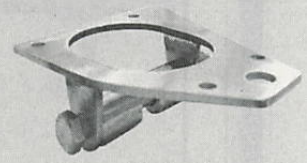

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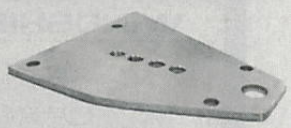

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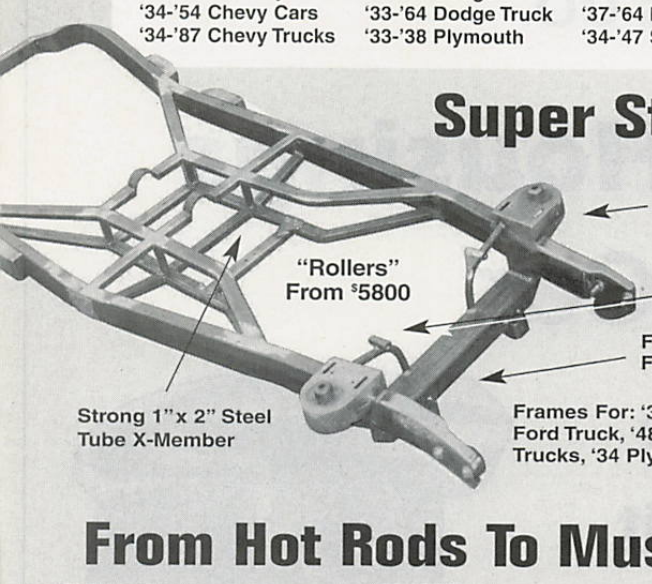
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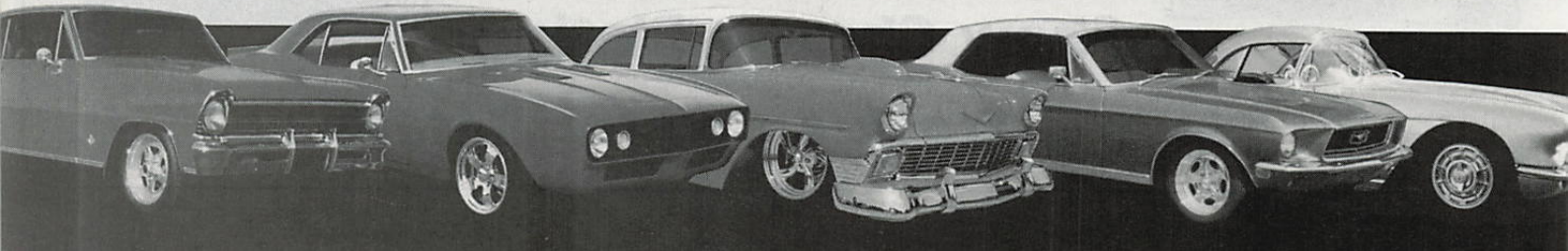

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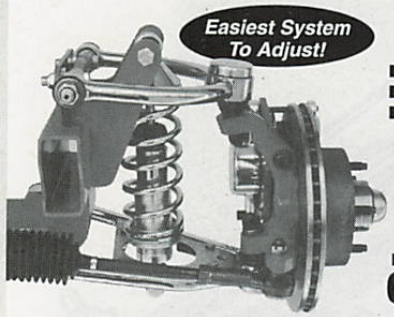

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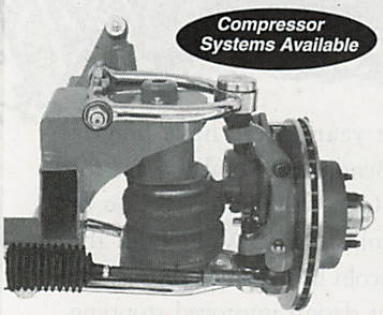

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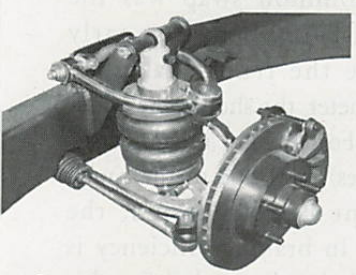

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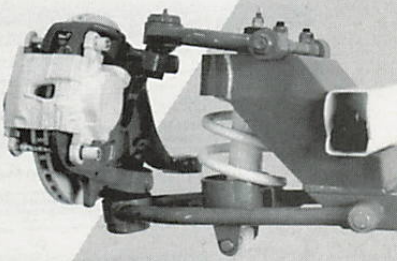

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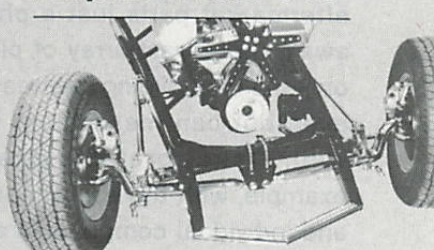

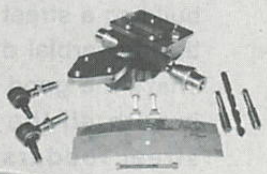

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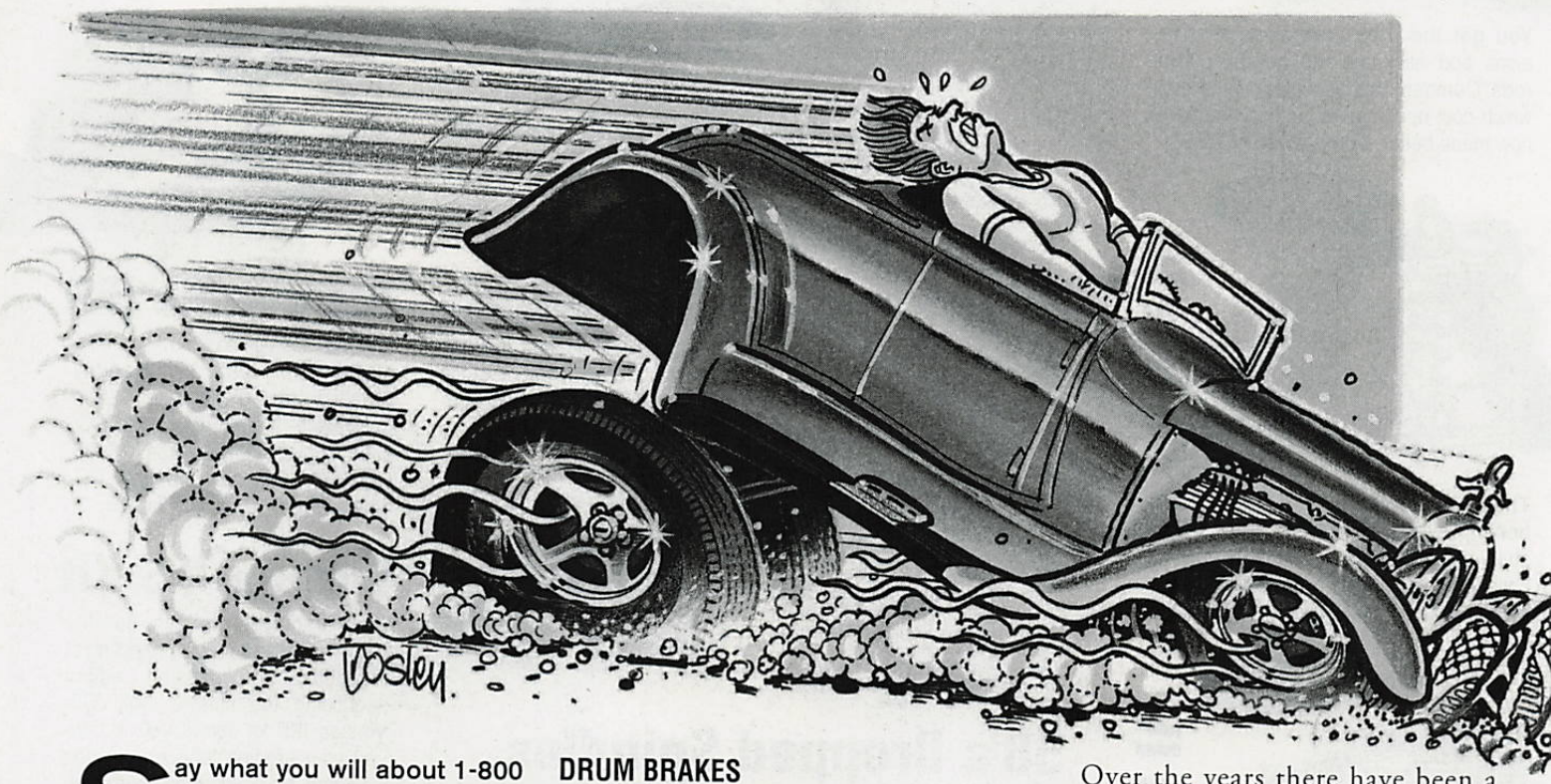

Say what you will about 1-800 street rodding, the truth is today's builders are truly fortunate to have a huge selection of aftermarket parts just a phone call away. Those vast array of pieces not only makes building cars easier than ever, but can make them safer as well. Take brake systems for example, with the assortment of kits and individual components available, building a street rod that will stop on the proverbial dime should be easy. That's the good news. The bad news is with all the choices available, street rodders need to be better informed than ever to select those components. As a means to that end, last month we began our "Brake Time" series with a look at the basics of hydraulics, brake valves, pedal ratios, master cylinders, and so on. This time, we'll look at different types of drum and disc brakes as well as the common brake boosters available.

DRUM BRAKES

For all practical purposes, hydraulic brakes can be broken up into two general categories: self-energizing and non self-energizing. An example of the latter can be found on '48-and-earlier Fords. With this design, each brake shoe had a pivot point at the bottom and they operate independently of each other.

A more modern design, and one that is still in use today, is the self-energizing drum brake developed by Bendix. With this style of brake the shoes are hooked together at the bottom by a spring and adjuster and are held to the backing plate by a pin, spring, and retainer. Mounted this way, they are free to move slightly on the backing plate. When self-energizing brakes are applied, the front brake shoe makes contact with the revolving drum and tries to rotate with it, and that movement is transferred through the adjuster to the rear shoe, pushing it into the drum with increased force.

Over the years there have been a number of Bendix-style brake swaps for early Fords. One was the installation of '39-'48 Lincoln brakes. While both the Ford and Lincoln had 12-inch drums, the more efficient design improved stopping considerably (although originals are hard to find, reproduction Lincoln brakes are now available).

Another common swap was the installation of F-100 brakes on early Fords. While the truck brakes are smaller in diameter, the shoes were wider than the early Fords (11x2 inches versus 12x1 3/4 inches), and due to the much more efficient Bendix design, the improvement in braking efficiency is dramatic. (All that is needed for this swap are '53-'56 1/2-ton Ford pickup drums, hubs, and complete backing plate assemblies, a new inner bearing Timken number 14116, stock F-100 inner cups and new seals, and Victor 49195 or National 450461. In some cases it may be necessary to grind the radius on the inner bearing slightly so it

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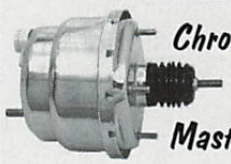

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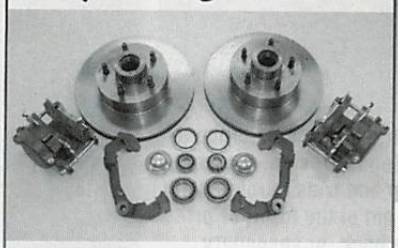

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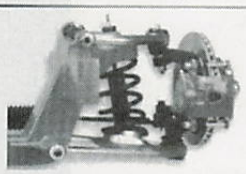

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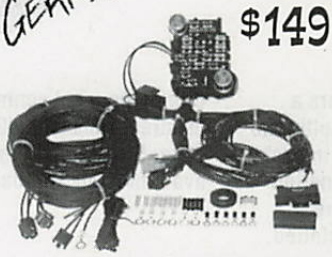

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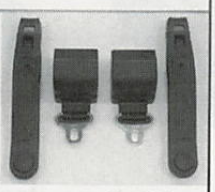

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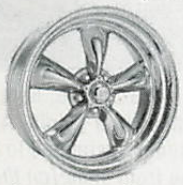

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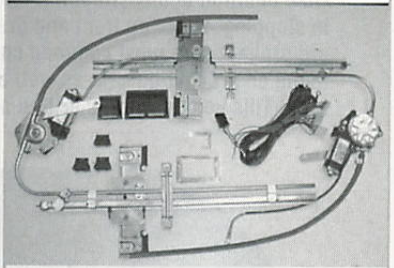

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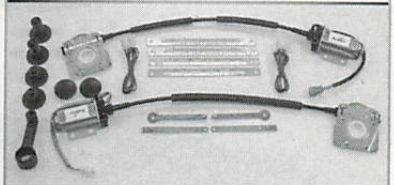

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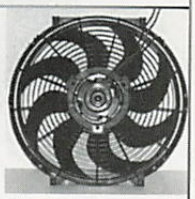

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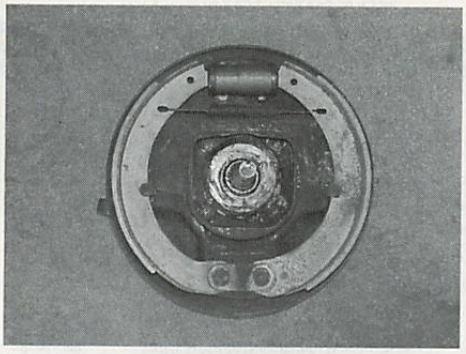
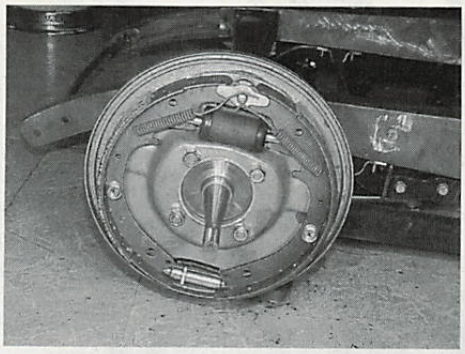
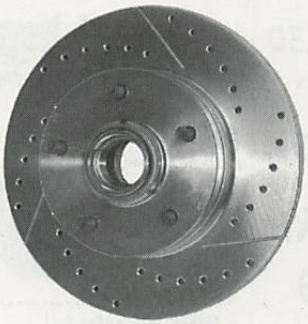


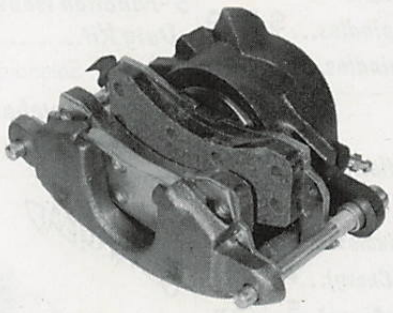
This is an early Ford brake, note the shoes have individual anchor points. Also note that the wheel cylinder is stepped to provide more pressure to the front shoe *(on the right)*.



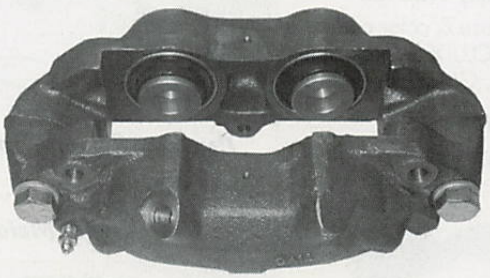
Compare this self-energizing Lincoln brake to the Ford style. In the Bendix design, the front shoe contacts the drum and tries to rotate with it. As a result, the bottom of the front, or primary shoe, pushes the back, or secondary shoe, into the drum with increased force. This design is still used in drum brakes today.



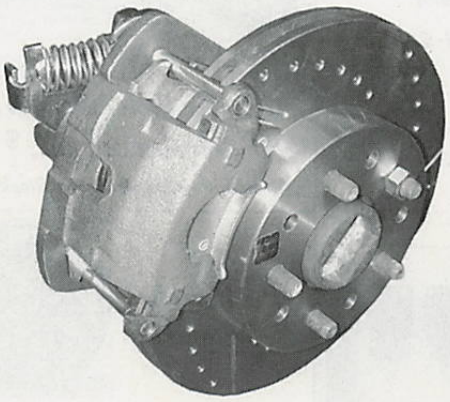
Without question, power disc brakes are a wise addition to any street rod for the ultimate in stopping. Discs up front and drums in back are probably the most common combination found on production cars as well as street rods. This vented rotor is drilled and slotted.



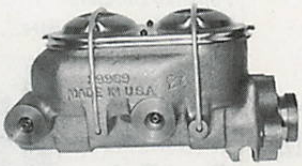
One of the most common disc brakes calipers on street rods is the GM single-piston sliding style. Simple and rugged, they are readily available and affordable.



This is an example of a four-piston fixed caliper. Multiple pistons and large pads make these a good choice when maximum stopping power is required.



Rear disc brakes are becoming more common, however, the need for a parking brake makes the rear calipers a bit more complicated.



As we discussed last month, all master cylinders aren't created equal. It must be matched to the brake system to provide adequate pressure and volume.

will seat properly on the spindle).

DISC BRAKES

Although some will take exception to this, the fact is drum brakes can generate as much stopping power, and in some cases more, than a disc brake—the problem is they can't do it for a very long period of time.

All brakes rely on friction between two surfaces to stop the car. Basically, that means brakes turn the energy of the moving vehicle into heat; unfortunately, heat is also the enemy of brakes. As the friction surfaces become hotter, the coefficient of friction between the two is reduced and the brakes lose effectiveness. The term that is often used to describe this is brake fade. If you've ever driven a car down a steep grade and found it took more and more brake pedal pressure to slow the car, you've experienced brake fade.

When it comes to dissipating heat, disc brakes have a huge advantage over drums. As the caliper only covers a small part of a disc brake's friction surface, a large portion of the rotor is exposed to air, which keeps it relatively cool. With a drum brake, most of the friction surface is in contact with the brake shoes, which leaves little surface area for cooling. Consequently, compared to discs, drum brakes get hotter faster and stay hot longer. That noticeably reduces their efficiency during hard or continuous use.

Another factor that allows disc brakes to function more effectively than drums is the wiping action inherent in their design. In wet conditions the brake pads tend to wipe water off the rotor, while with drums, moisture can become trapped between the shoes and drum, lowering the coefficient of friction considerably until the water is dispersed.

CALIPERS

Basically, there are three types of calipers: fixed, sliding, and floating. Fixed calipers are solid-mounted to a mounting bracket with one, two, or more pistons per side to apply the pads. When multiple pistons are used on each side they are more or less in a row. Consequently, the caliper can utilize a longer pad more effectively than a single piston caliper. The combination of multiple pistons and large friction surfaces means that fixed calipers

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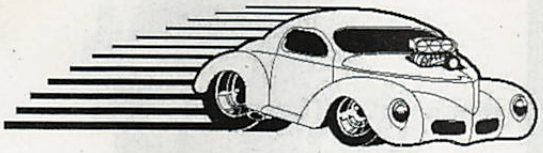

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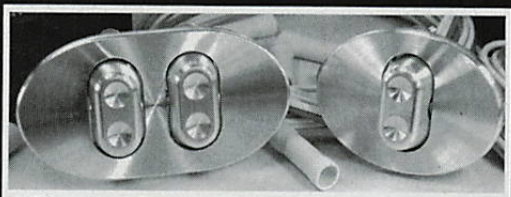

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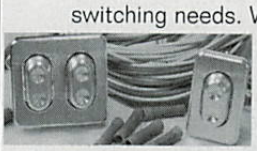

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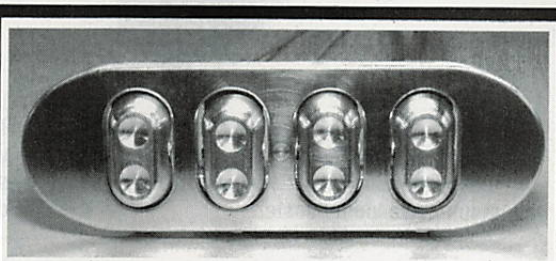

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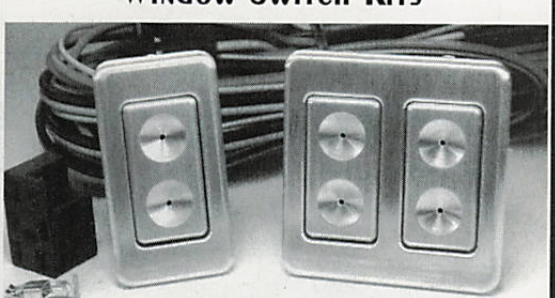

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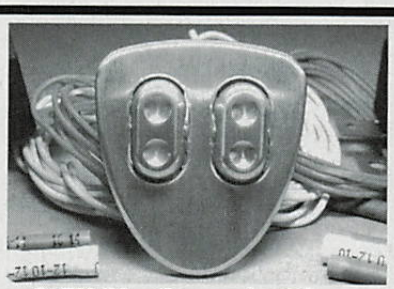

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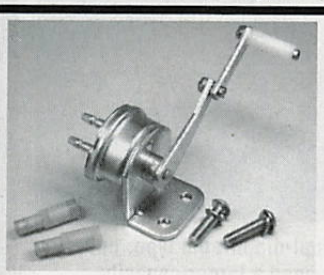

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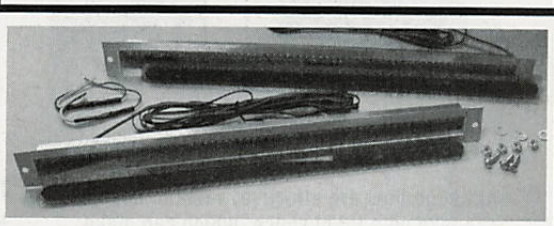

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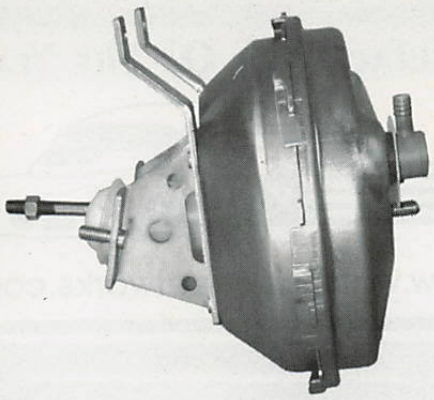
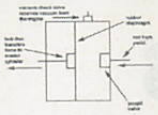
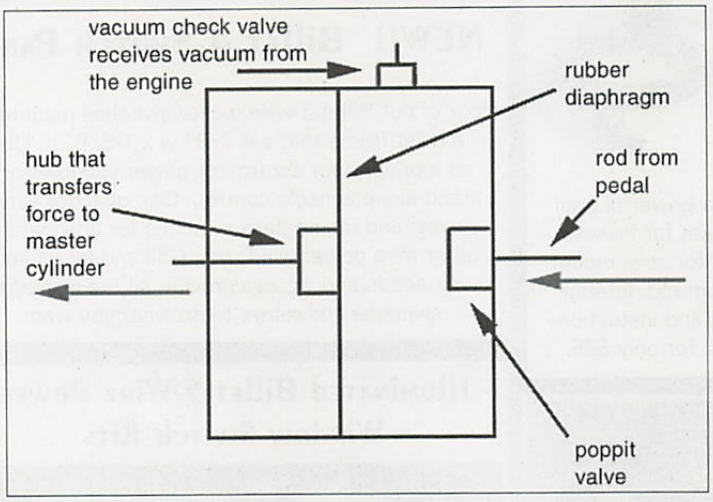


Just about every production car has power brakes, and the vacuum boosted variety is the most common. This is a typical firewall-mounted vacuum booster.



This cutaway shows the major parts of a vacuum booster and a master cylinder. In some cases small-diameter boosters use two diaphragms to increase their effectiveness.


vacuum check valve receives vacuum from the engine
rubber diaphragm
hub that transfers force to master cylinder
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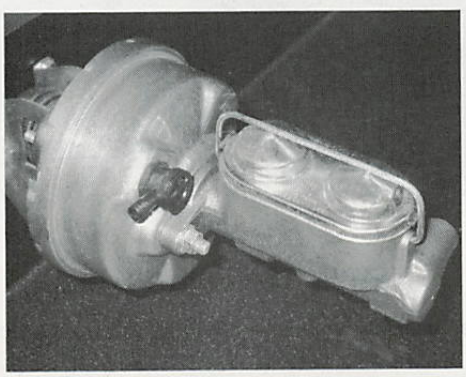
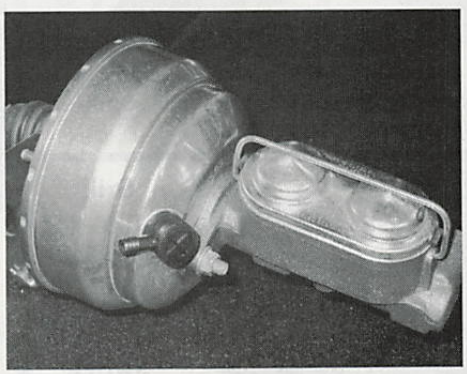
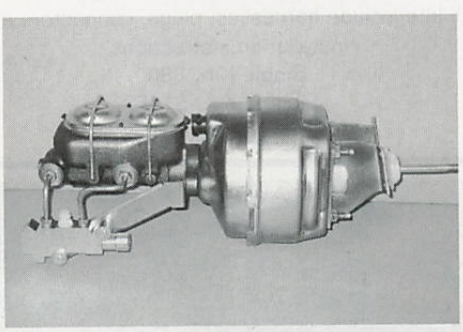
Vacuum boosters are simple in operation; vacuum on one side of the diaphragm with atmospheric pressure on the other helps push on the master cylinder piston.



This is a typical 7-inch vacuum booster; it's fine for lightweight cars.



This is a 7-inch dual-diaphragm type, but heavier cars may need a larger-capacity booster. Discuss your application with a reputable supplier to get the proper booster.



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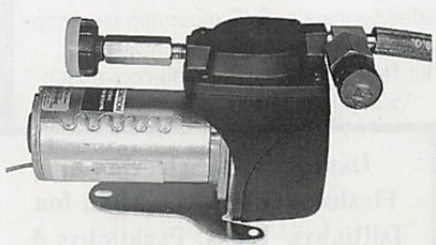

In some cases, when long-duration cams are used, as an example, engine vacuum may not be sufficient to operate a booster. In that case a vacuum reservoir tank, or an electric vacuum pump like the one shown here, should be considered. This example is from Master Power Brakes.

can supply a tremendous amount of stopping power.

While fixed calipers are very effective, they do have a couple of minor shortcomings. First off, since there are pistons on both sides of the caliper, fluid must be delivered to both sides of the caliper. That means small external lines or well-sealed interior passages must be provided to connect the two halves. In either case that means that construction is more complicated and, consequently, more expensive.

Although fixed calipers perform well, they are very unforgiving of any runout in the rotor. If the rotor wobbles, it tends to make the brake pedal pulsate on application, and in the case of a badly warped rotor, the pistons can get knocked back into the caliper body. When that happens, more fluid will be required to apply the brakes, which means the brake pedal will have to travel further.

Another caliper design is the sliding style. These have a single piston on just one side, working like a C-clamp as the piston pushes the inside brake pad against the rotor. Once it makes contact, the caliper slides in its bracket and pulls the outside pad against the rotor. Ford and Chrysler used this style brake.

Similar to the sliding caliper is the floating design (typically single-piston GM calipers). Like the sliding caliper, floating calipers apply hydraulic pressure to one pad, then the caliper, which "floats" on a pair of mounting pins, pulls the other pad against the rotor. While the sliding and floating calipers work in a similar fashion, there is one major difference. With the sliding style the braking force is transferred to the caliper, which means it must be a stout piece. With a floating caliper, the mounting bracket captures the pads. As a result, the caliper doesn't have to be as beefy.

TYPES OF DISCS

Although disc-brake rotors come in a wide variety of shapes and sizes, they can be broken down into just two categories: solid and vented. Solid rotors are just that—a simple flat rotor. Although simple and inexpensive, the disadvantage to solid rotors is that they do not dissipate heat well. While solid rotors are adequate for lightweight cars, particularly on the rear, a

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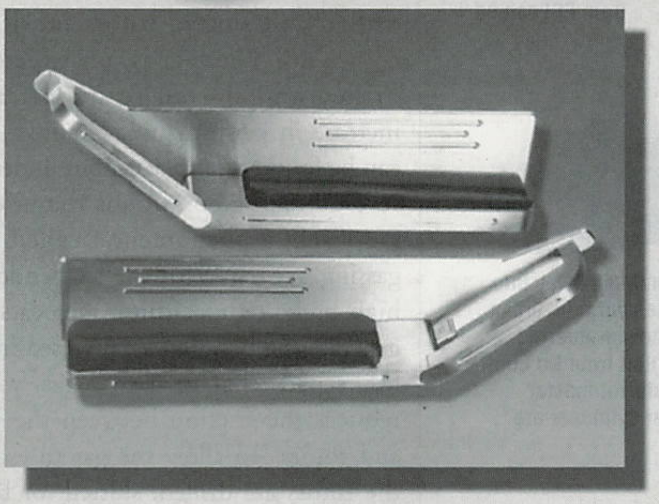

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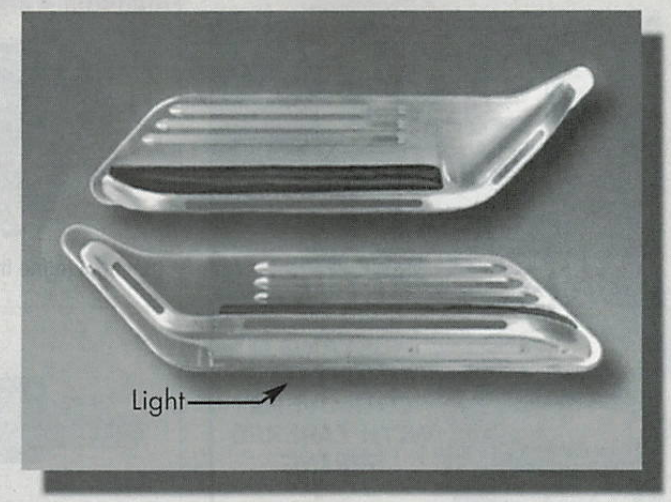

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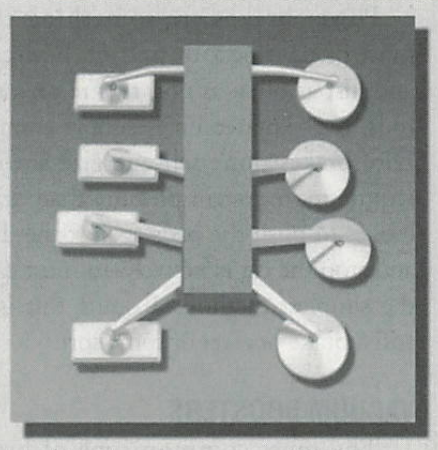

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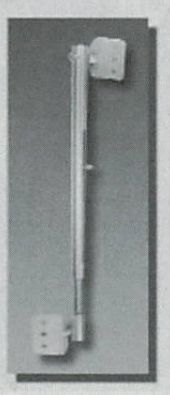

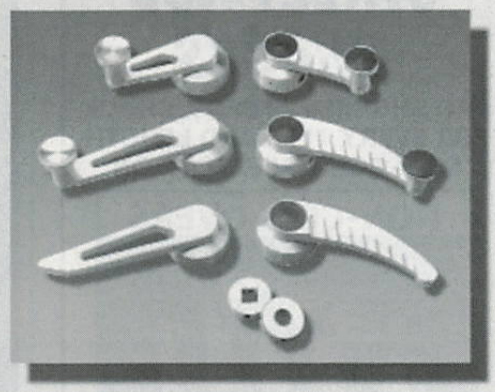

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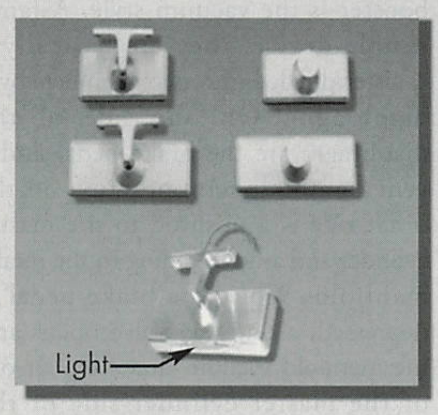

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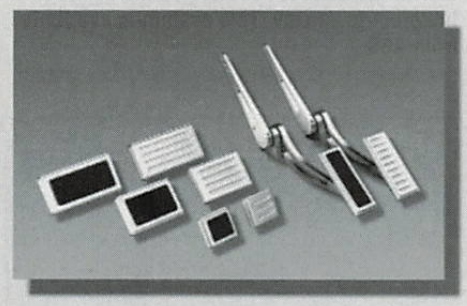

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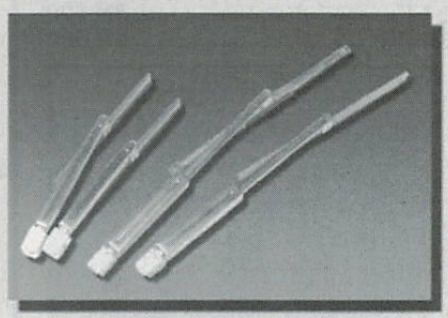

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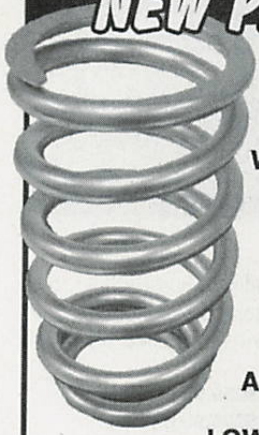

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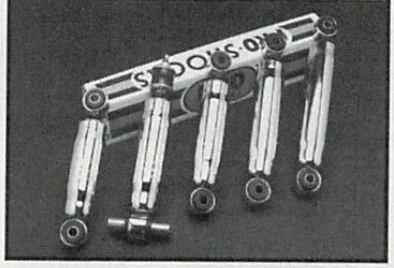

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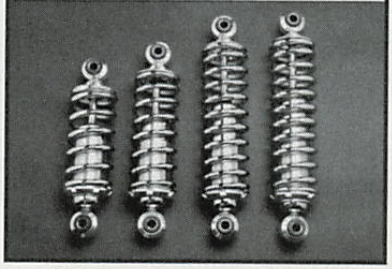

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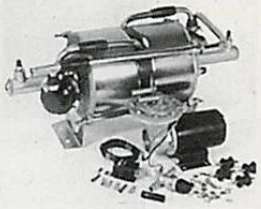
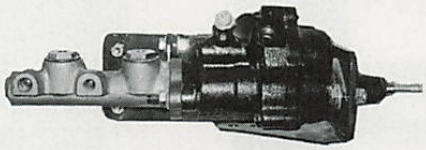
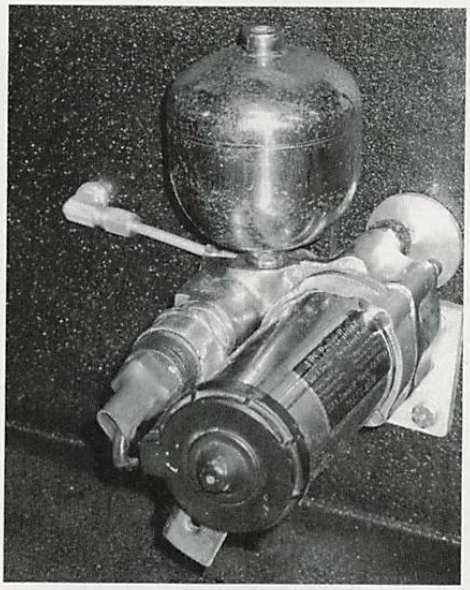


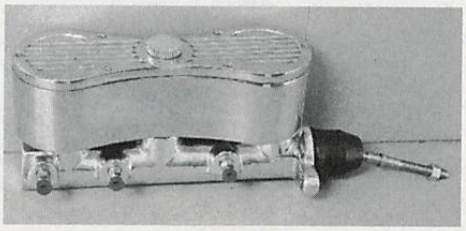
In some cases packaging components in a street rod is a daunting task. This remote-mount dual brake booster assembly from ECI can be mounted in the trunk.



Something that is just finding its way into the street rod world is the hydraulic brake booster. It relies on the power-steering pump for pressure. This unit from No Limit Engineering uses a remote-fill master cylinder (standard master cylinders are also available).



One of the newest boosters on the scene is the electric variety. This system is available from ABS.



Shown here is a disc brake master cylinder for use with an electric booster. The two output lines are to the left, and the input from the booster is on the right.

better disc brake rotor option for heavier vehicles is the ventilated style. This design separates the two friction surfaces with air passages to aid in cooling.

When discussing rotors, the value of drilled and slotted rotors inevitably comes up. The fact is, on streetcars, drilled and slotted rotors offer no increase in performance. Granted, they can be found on race cars, but under the severe braking conditions found on a racetrack, a phenomenon called outgassing occurs. With the tremendously high brake temperatures, race cars can generate the bonding agents used in the brake pads that turn to a gas, which reduces the friction between the pads and rotors. To allow the gas to escape, the rotors are drilled, slotted, or both. On the street the only enhancements these modifications offer is cosmetic. But sometimes, that's good enough.

BOOSTERS

Power brakes are something that most of us expect to find on new cars, and just as often as not, they're on street rods, too. The reason is simple enough. Disc brakes don't self-energize so they require more system pressure than drum brakes to push the pads against the discs and stop the car effectively. In most cases the simplest method of doing this is to add a brake booster of some sort.

VACUUM BOOSTERS

The most common type of brake booster is the vacuum style. A fairly simple device, they are basically a canister divided into two chambers by a diaphragm. On one side of the diaphragm are the brake pedal and a vent to atmospheric pressure; on the other side is a pushrod to the master cylinder and a hose leading to the intake manifold. When the brake pedal is depressed, a one-way valve opens and the manifold vacuum draws the air out of the master cylinder side of the booster, while atmospheric pressure is still present on the brake pedal side. The higher pressure on the brake pedal side simply helps apply more mechanical pressure to the master cylinder. Try this test to see how it works (and check the operation of a vacuum booster): With

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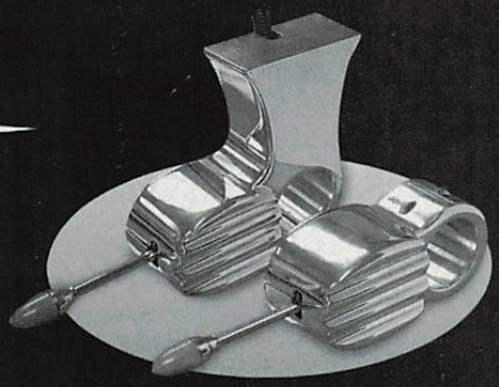

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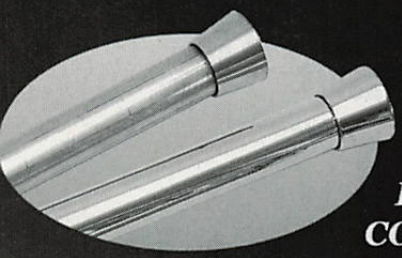

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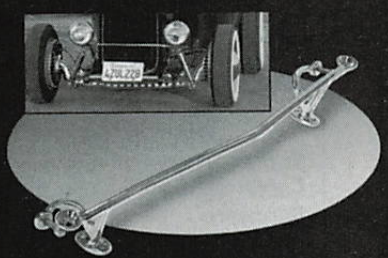

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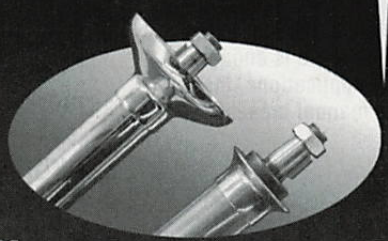

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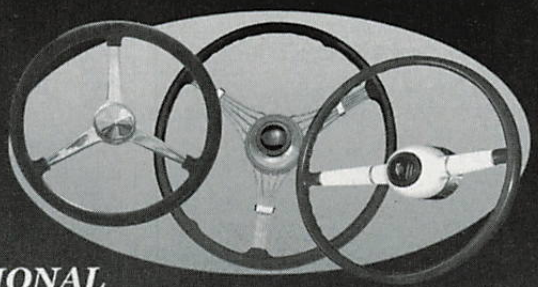

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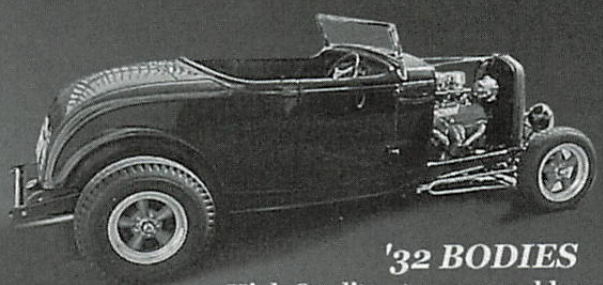

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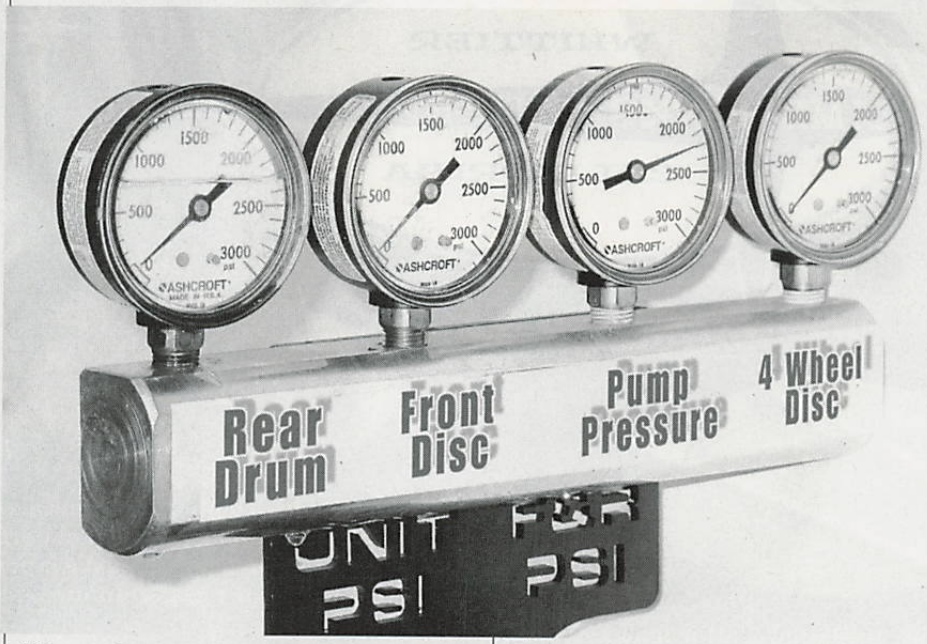
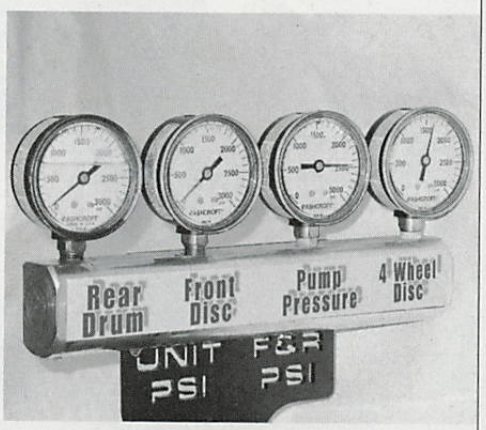
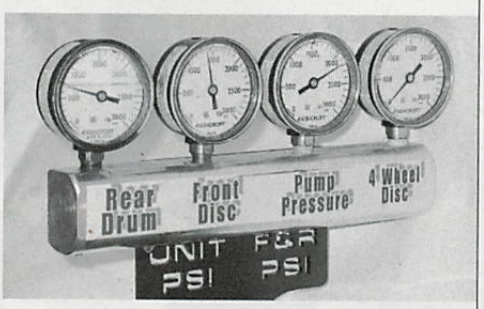


This set of gauges shows what happens with an electric booster. As soon as the ignition switch is turned on, the system pressure builds to approximately 2,400 psi. In the event of a pump failure there is enough pressure for 25 brake applications, then the system reverts to manual brakes.



In this case the brake pedal of the disc brake simulator is depressed enough to deliver 1,600 psi to all four wheels. As with any system, how hard you step on the brake pedal determines how much pressure is sent to the calipers.



In this case, the disc/drum portion of the simulator is being used. The disc/drum master cylinder is delivering 1,400 psi to the front brakes while the proportioning valve is limiting the rear drums to 700 psi in this example.

the engine off, step on the brake pedal. Then, while holding the pedal down, start the engine. The brake pedal will drop slightly if the booster is working properly.

HYDRAULIC BOOSTERS

This type of booster taps into the power steering line and uses hydraulic pressure to supplement the pedal pressure applied to the master cylinder.

Hydraulic boosters are often found on diesel engines as the vacuum type won't work (diesels don't have manifold vacuum), but they work on gas engines just as well. (GM used them on a variety of diesel cars and trucks and Ford/Mercury used them in the '70s on some of their larger gas-powered cars.) While hydraulic boosters are ideal for diesels, they also work well on gas that have low manifold vacuum as the result of an aggressive camshaft.

In operation, fluid flows from the power steering pump, through the brake booster, then on to the steering box. The steering box and the brake booster both have return lines, and to accommodate them, the pumps used in these applications normally have two return fittings.

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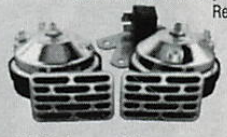

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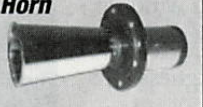

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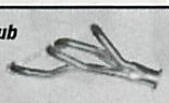

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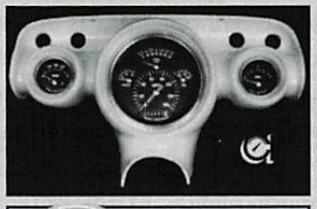

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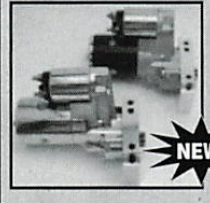

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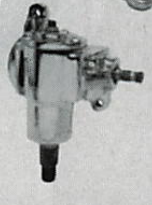

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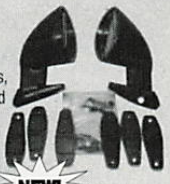

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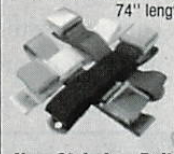

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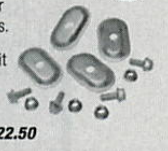

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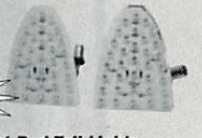

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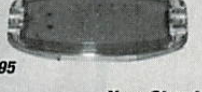

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Blue Dot or Plain Tail Lights ***$80.00*** pair

which pushes on the master cylinder providing the power assist.

Also part of the system is a device called an accumulator (some are on the unit, others are remote) that stores enough pressurized fluid for at least one assisted application of the brakes if the engine quits. After that, the brakes behave as though there was no assist.

ELECTRIC BOOSTERS

Something new on the brake booster scene is the electric type. Used in conjunction with a special master cylinder, hydraulic pressure in the area of 2,500 psi is created by an electric pump. That pressure is then delivered to the master cylinder.

Two types of master cylinders are available: one is for disc brakes, front and rear, and the other is for discs and drums. The disc/drum master cylinder includes metering and proportioning valves as well as provisions for a stoplight switch. Either style can be equipped with a remote master cylinder and may be mounted on the firewall or under the floor.

A LITTLE ADVICE

Although some in our ranks lament the passing of the good-old days of street rodding when we scrounged used parts and built with what we had, the fact of the matter is the availability of new, well-engineered parts makes building a street rod easier than ever. Those parts—take readily available brake components, as an example—also make our cars better than ever. However, as a consumer, there are several considerations to be made.

First and foremost, realize that the major players in the brake business have taken a systems approach to their kits. That means that mixing and matching components from a variety of suppliers may not give you the results you are after. You could wind up with a system that is less than the sum of its parts by trying to outguess the manufacturers. Secondly, do your homework. Use the manufacturers' catalogs and Web sites to help decide on the components that best fit your needs. Then discuss your needs with the supplier, but be prepared for this step. The more information you can supply the better that supplier can meet your needs. Information like vehicle weight and distribution, type of suspension, wheel diameter, and tire sizes—not to mention your performance expectations—are all vital bits of information to get the best brakes possible. SR

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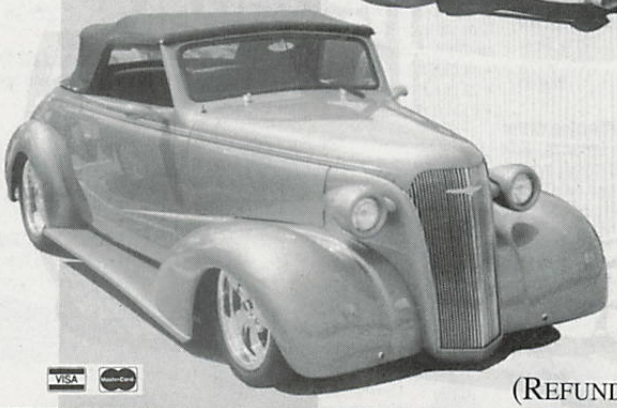

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THE UPS AND DOWNS

don's hot rods' lift and latch kits for fat-fendered fords

What makes good design? Ask 10 people and you'll probably get several dozen answers. Truth be told, near countless parameters define good design. Oftentimes opinions on good design boil down to Justice Potter Stewart's famous 1964 quote: "I know it when I see it." Only Justice Potter had something far more contentious than design in mind.

Luckily for us car people, it's pretty easy to define good design. For example, doors should open with finger force. Suspension systems should plod a straight line when articulated. An interior should cosset its inhabitants without injuring them. Routine maintenance shouldn't require contortionist training.

So when we saw the trunk lift and latch kits at Don's Hot Rods, we immediate exclaimed "now that's a good design!" Objectively speaking, they practically self-install with simple tools, they take up very little room, and best of all, they work. Subjectively we'd say they look pretty sharp without influencing a car's demeanor; they're unobtrusive and fairly era-unspecific. And lastly, they serve a legitimate purpose: Factory lifts and latches wear out after propping and securing heavy lids after 60-plus years.

Proprietor Don Pilkenton and his crew engineered quite a bit of function into these units. The lift brackets, for example, align by virtue of existing holes or with simple measurements. Each application uses specific length and pressure gas struts that not only ably hold their respective lid up, they

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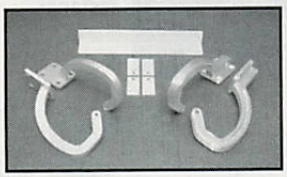

Truck hinges now available in steel or aluminum - machined from steel or aluminum plate, not cast. The steel hinges are unique as they have no visible welds. Aluminum hinges have a ball mill design and a satin finish. Hinges can be purchased separately or as a complete kit with a 40" mounting bar with hardware.

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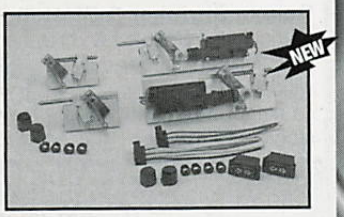

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Electric Door Lock Kits (for locking cars from the outside with remotes)... $79.95 pair
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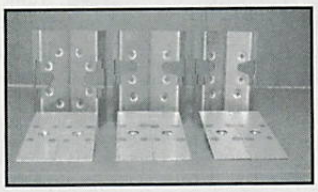
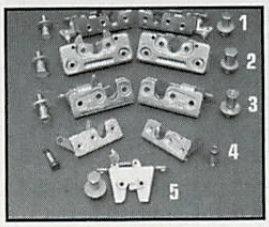
Electric Suicide Door Safety Pin Kit (for securing suicide doors) (includes inside switches and wing pigtails)..... $94.95 pair

Latch Install Kit



Installing latches is now a snap. Kit includes door section mounting plates and striker bolt floating nut plates and stainless latch screws. Latch plates feature die stamped screw head bosses to recess the screws for more clearance. Compare to cheaper non stamped kits. Kits available for large, small and locking latches.

Kit for 2 doors.....$49.00
Kit when purchased with latches.....$44.00
Kit when purchased with hinge and latch combo.....$39.00



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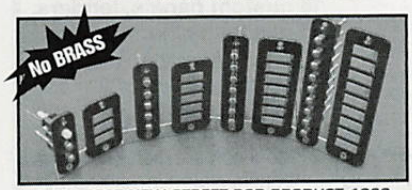

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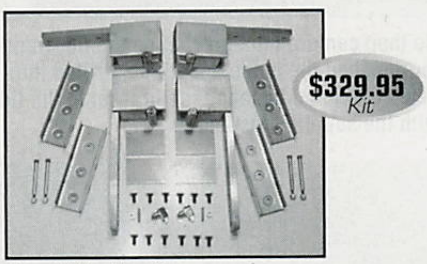

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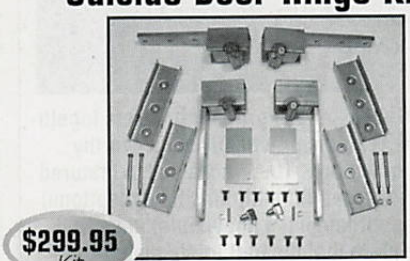

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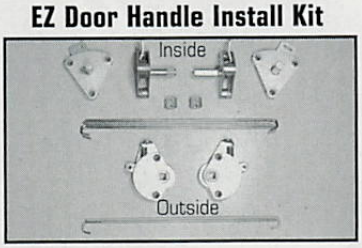

These kits make it easier to install door handles when using bearjaw latches. Inside kits are available for either Ford and Mopar Square shank or GM spline shaft. Outside kits are for square shank handles. All kits are springloaded to return handles to original position and come with connecting rods.

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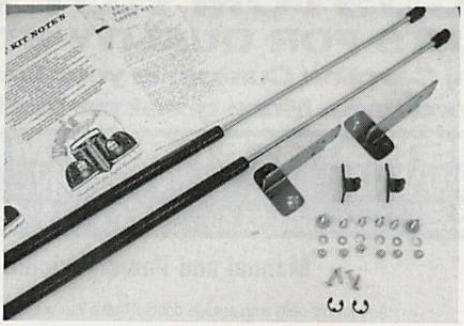
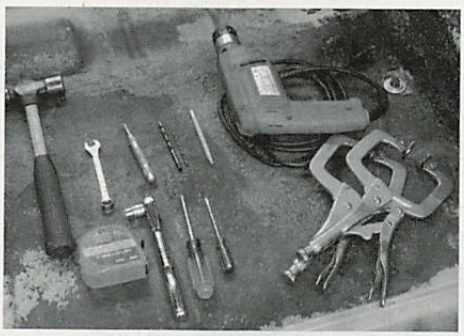
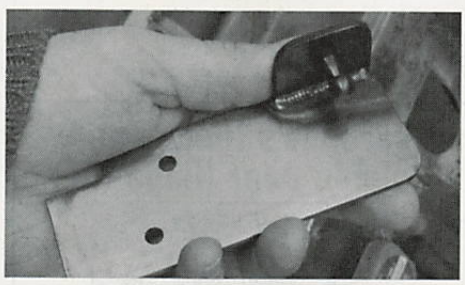


Don Pilkenton is one of those very thorough guys; you don't win the *Ridler* or *America's Most Beautiful Roadster* by cutting corners. These lift and latch kits come complete with comprehensive hardware and instructions. Not just that, Don's Hot Rods publishes the instructions for all their products on their Web page.



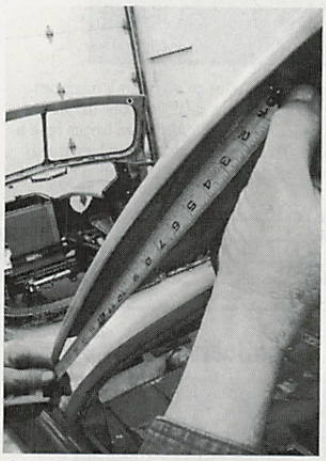
These kits also cover the spread from the at-home builder right up to the production rod shop. To get that sort of coverage, Don engineered the kit to install with the simplest of tools. For the lift kit, Jay Flanders used a simple drill, a tape measure, some clamps, screwdrivers, and a hammer and punch.



Don's TIG-welds these primary brackets together and the result is practically show-worthy right out of the box. The brackets also featured durable hardened lift balljoints for exceptional durability. Although it's not visible, keep in mind the plate that the ball joints mount to extends to the anterior side of the bracket's main plate. Note the notch in the bracket's main plate to the left and the two holes.

The bracket itself mates to the inner wheelwell and trunk support. The bracket's notch in the prior photo corresponds to the wheelwell's shape, thereby aligning the bracket. Jay then transfer-punched the two holes' location to the trunk support, drilled them, and installed the supplied 1/4-inch fasteners.

The balljoint plate that extends ahead of the main bracket supports the bracket on a second axis to secure the bracket to the body structure. Once again, Jay transfer-punched, drilled, and installed the supplied fastener.



Jay broke out the tape measure for the kit's only measurement-specific dimension: the secondary lift bracket. He measured 17 1/2 inches back from the trunk lid edge to locate the lid bracket's centerline.

He then centered the bracket on the lid, transfer-punched the holes' locations, drilled the new holes, and fastened the bracket to the lid with the supplied fasteners.

Jay pulled the clips from the lifts' sockets with a flat-bladed screwdriver, installed the lift sockets over the ball joints, and released the clips.

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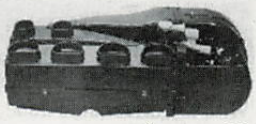

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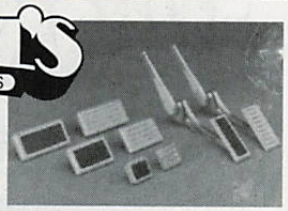

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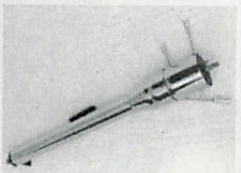

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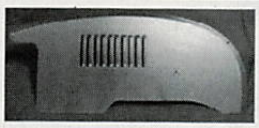

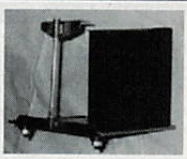

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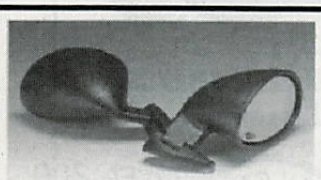

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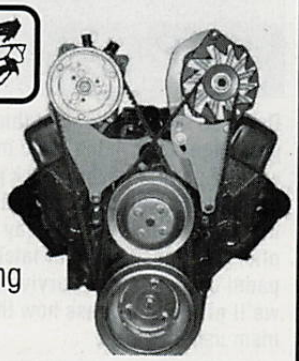

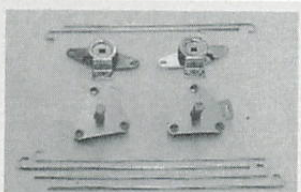

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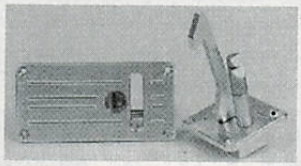

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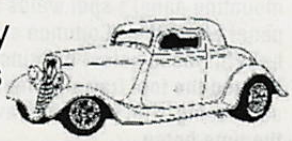

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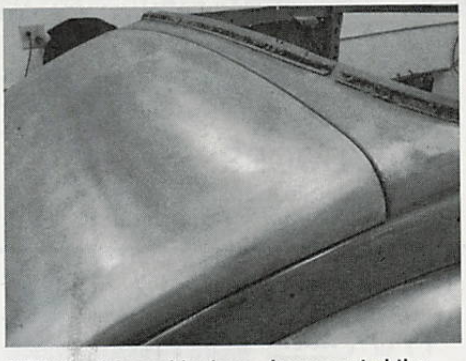
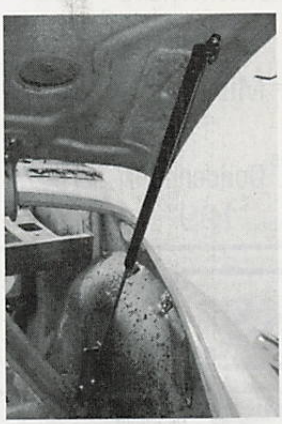
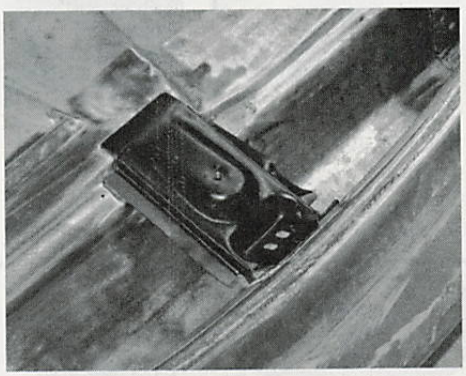


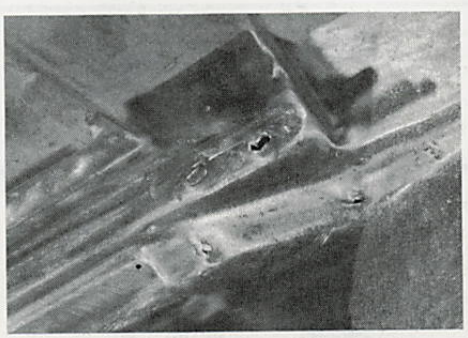
With the driver side done, Jay repeated the process on the passenger side.



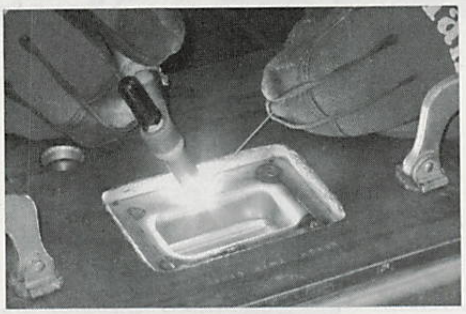
Once Jay completed the install we shut the lid and basked in the glow of a job well done. Keep in mind that this kit doesn't force the decklid out of alignment like some lift kits do.



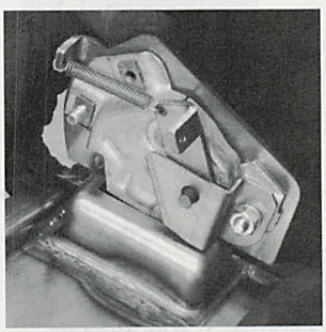
Down on the lower end of things, the late-'30s passenger cars' latch plate mounts to a spot-welded panel like this black piece above the tool tray. Even though companies offer replacements for this panel, nobody to our knowledge offers the mechanism or latch plate itself. If the panel or plate didn't survive the test of time, we'll give you a guess how the latch mechanism usually fares.



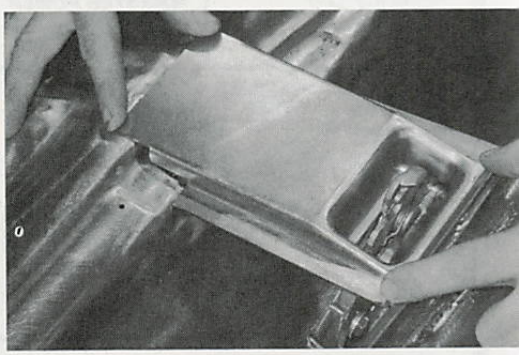
So Don's guy, Tim Robbins, drilled out the mounting panel's spot welds and removed the panel altogether. Common sense dictates that he'll fill these holes, but since this was a dry run and the tool tray still needed some addressing, Tim opted to leave the holes be for the time being.



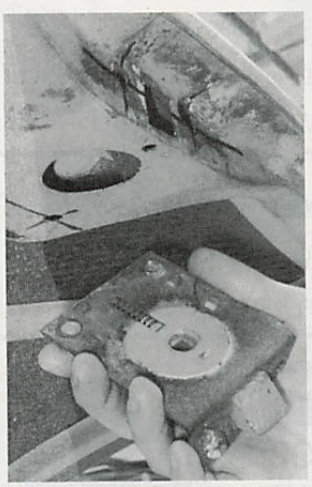
Don's fabricators weld the latch mounting pockets to the panels the same way they weld the lift kits together: by TIG-welding them. When combined with a few corrective hammer blows and a bit of grinding on the topside the welds simply disappear.



The latch kits use OE-style mechanisms. These pieces yield a very stable and reliable kit that works with cables and/or solenoids.



The details really set these kits apart from the rest. For starters, the latch panel sits flush with the trunk floor. Not just that, it also features stepped flanges to retain the tool tray covers, thereby extending the trunk floor ala Ford's design. A typical installation usually requires welding, although a crafty bracket maker could do the job with a few small fasteners.



Four rust-seized fasteners locked this Ford latch mechanism in place, prompting Tim to drill them out. A dose of penetrating oil and a bit of elbow grease would get this latch back in working order, but it still wouldn't address a shaved-decklid application. That, and the latch's tongue suffered some pretty heavy pitting over the years.

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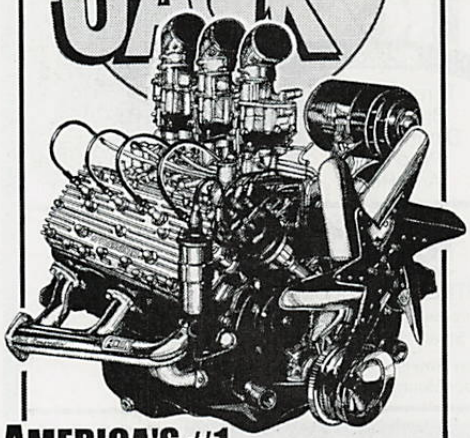

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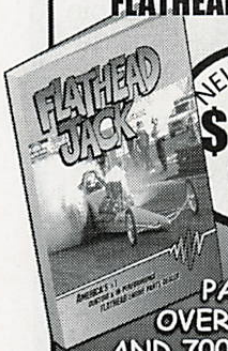

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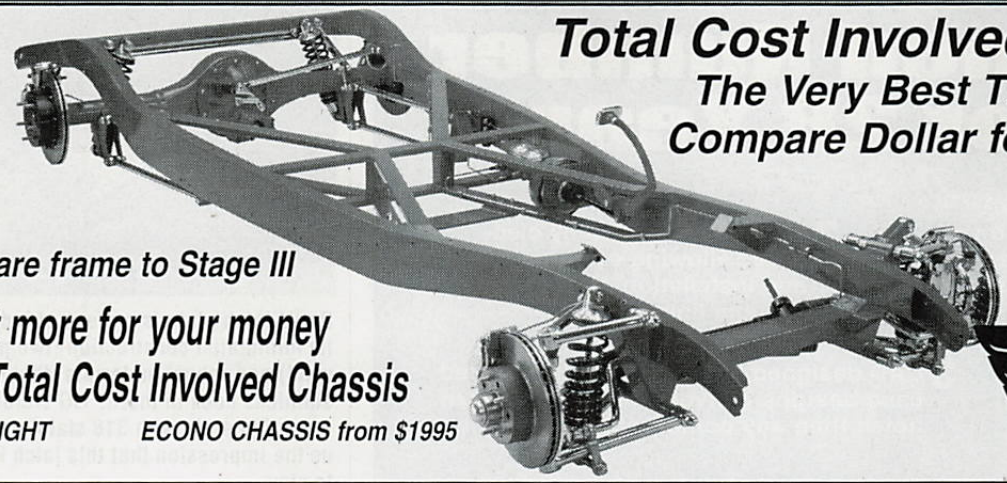

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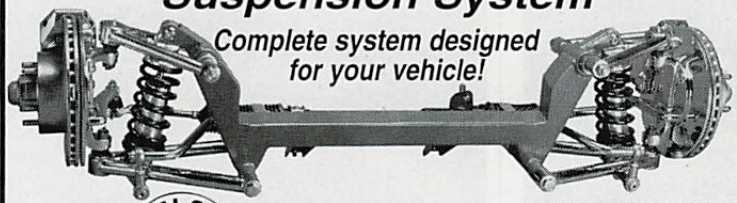

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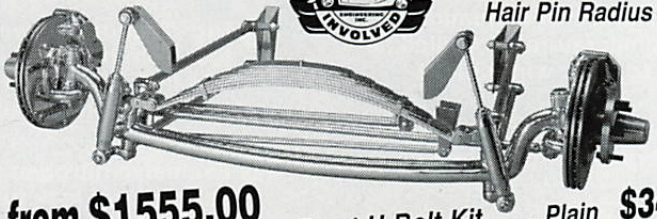

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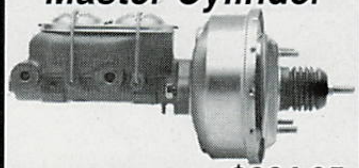

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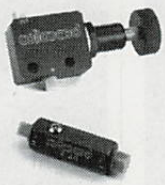

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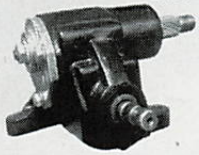

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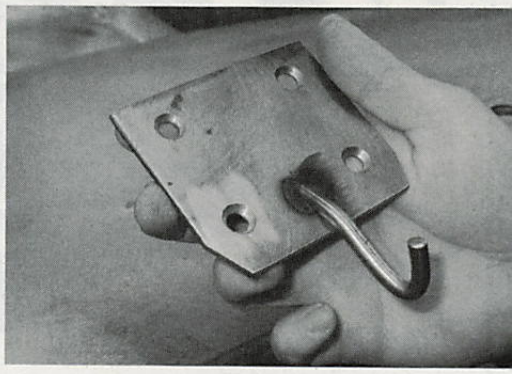
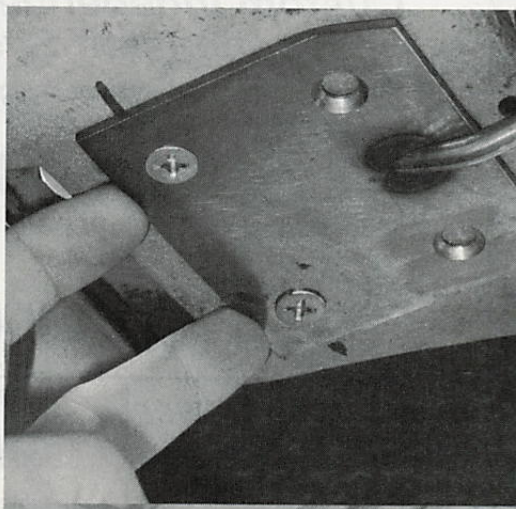


Don's latch plate is a piece of industrial art; its minimalist construction (two pieces, one weld) and robust materials (that's a 1/4-inch stainless hook in there, TIG-welded to the mounting plate with 318 stainless rod) gave us the impression that this latch kit is here to stay.



The latch plate fastens with the two forward Ford-drilled holes that once held the old latch mechanism. Once fastened to the forward holes the latch plate serves as a template to drill the two additional holes. While we'll admit that the typical install sequence makes things look easier than they are, we have to admit this practically fell together!

hold it all the way up. When shut, the lift kits don't push the lid out.

The latch kits eliminate the factory latch panel and sit flush with the rest of the floor. These kits use OE-style catches and mount in low-profile latch plates. The kit relocates the latch itself from the trunk lid to the trunk floor and alleviates the trunk handle from its releasing duties, offering the builder the opportunity to use it as a lift handle or shave it altogether. Finally, these kits rigidly fix the lid in place when closed and adjust easily for precise panel alignment.

Don's Hot Rods offers supports for the following Ford passenger cars: 1932 roadsters, five-window coupes, and cabriolets; 1933-'34 roadsters, coupes, and cabriolets; 1937 coupe, slant-back, and humpback sedans; 1938-'40 coupes and cabriolets; and 1946-'48 coupes and cabriolets.

Don's also offers latches in cable and/or electric release for the following Ford passenger cars: steel 1932 coupes, roadsters, and cabriolets (trunk cars or converted rumble cars only) and fiberglass cars that use Ford's inner panel design; 1933-'34 passenger cars; 1937 coupe, hump- and slant-back sedans; and 1938-'40 passenger cars (except '38 standard). Finally, if your car doesn't match these criteria, Don's offers universal latch kits that will adapt to nearly every application (although the universal kits require fabrication).

We followed along as Jay Flanders installed a lift kit in a '40 cabriolet and Tim Robbins installed a latch kit in a '37 coupe. While the '37 and '40 kits differ, they install and work under similar principles.

As for the design quality, we're convinced. However, we leave it up to you to judge. Luckily, it's a simple verdict. SR

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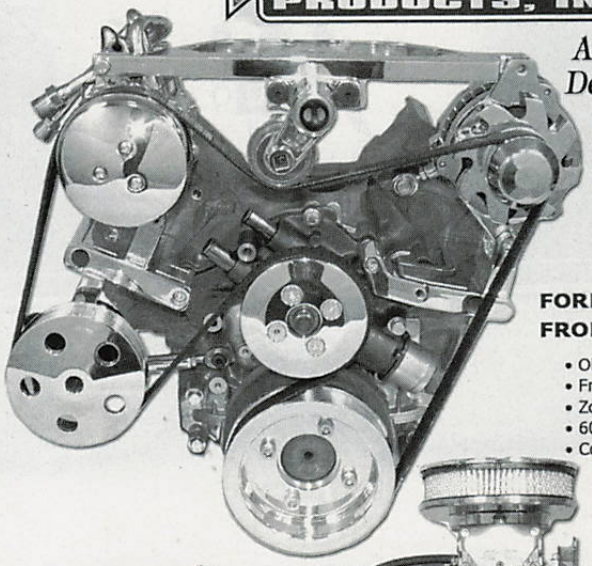

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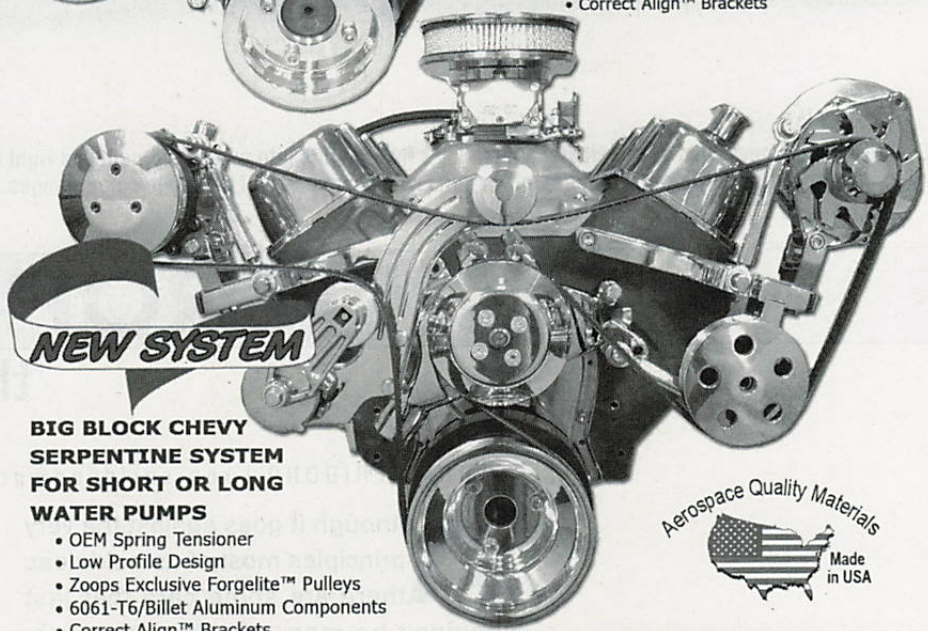

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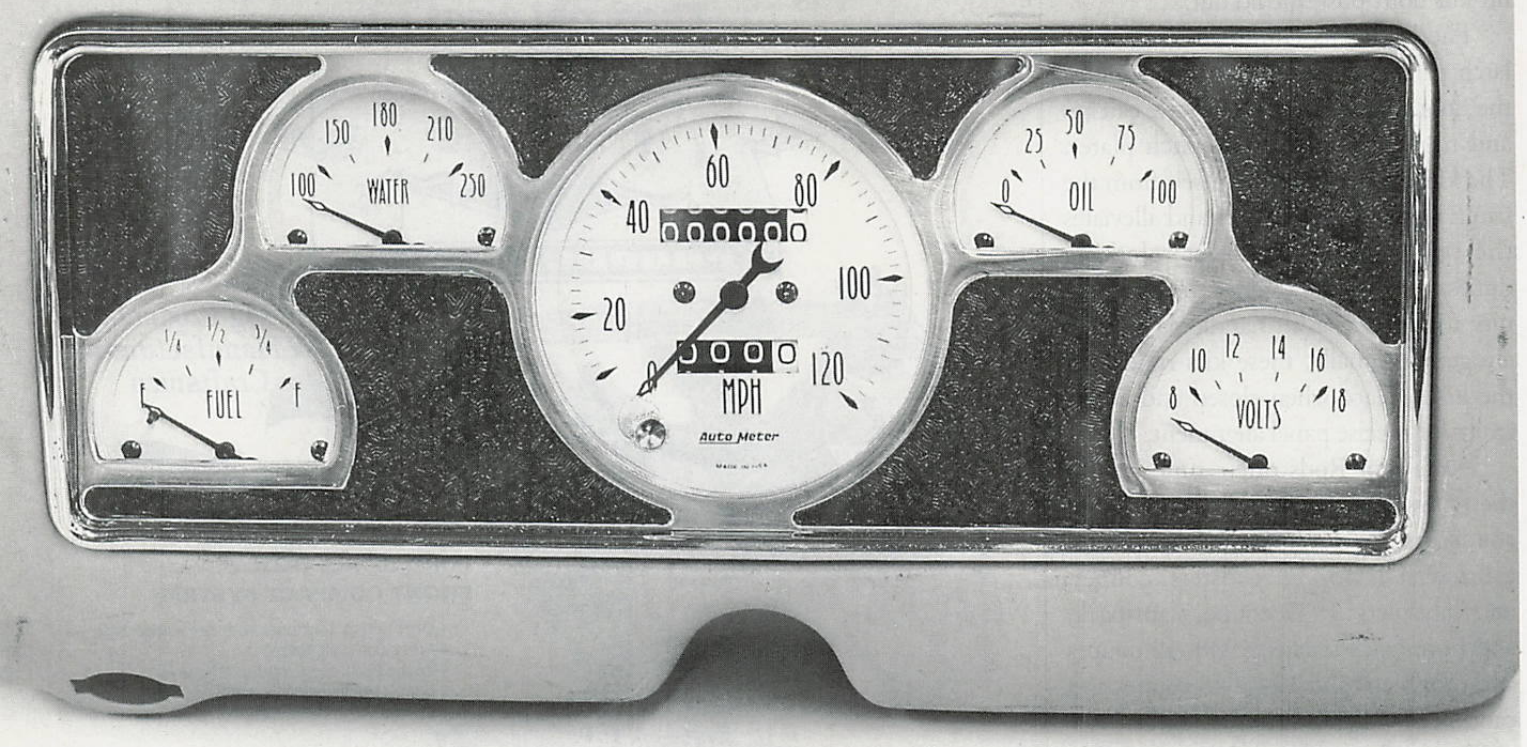

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Although it goes against the very principles most of us hold dear, there are some cars that just shouldn't be messed with very much. Take '40 Fords as an example; as a general rule, there aren't too many changes that can be made to make them any better looking than they are. But then there are exceptions to every rule, especially in street rodding.

One of the more common changes made to a '40 is updating the instruments. From a functional standpoint modern gauges are a hit, but from an aesthetic standpoint, they're often a miss. But recently we found a combination of old and new that's right on target. Dennis Cardellini of DC Street Rods is now producing the Deco Gauge Cluster kit that combines the best of both worlds: contemporary instrumentation with a look that complements the '40s dash.

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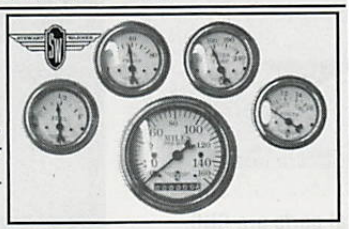

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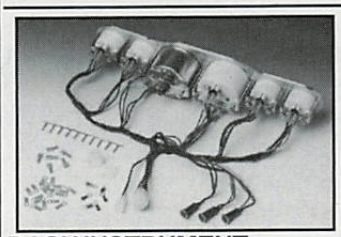

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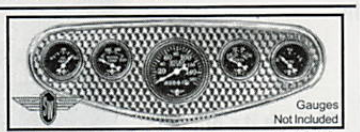

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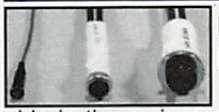

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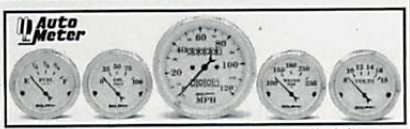

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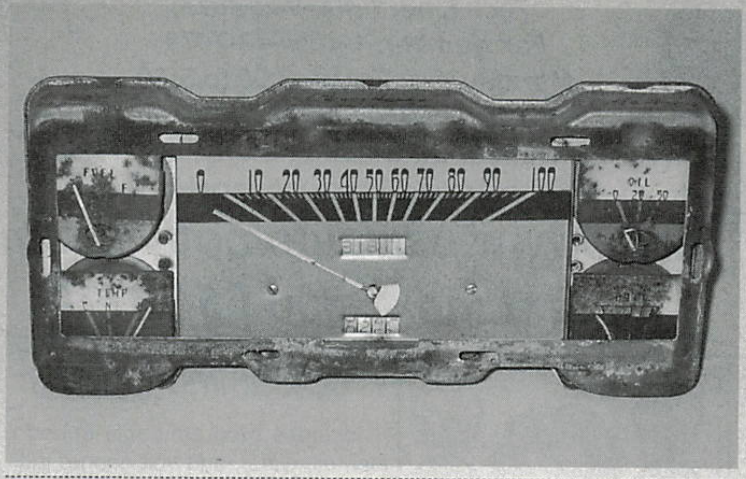
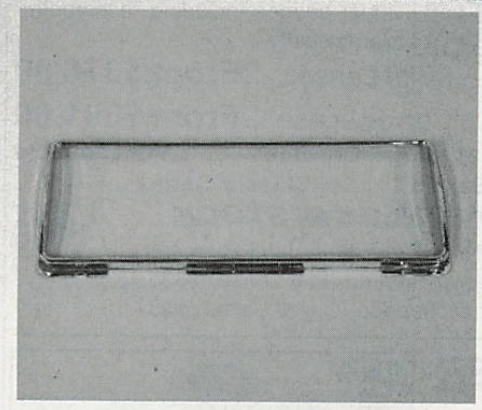
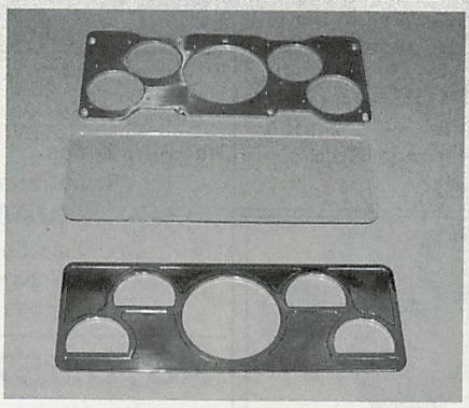


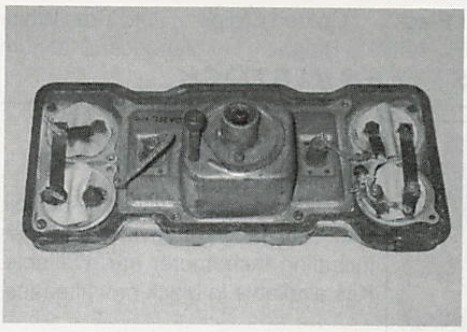
We started out with a well-worn '40 Ford Deluxe instrument cluster from a swap meet. While it will work, a better choice is a Standard cluster, or one from a '41-'47 Ford pickup. The next photo will show why.



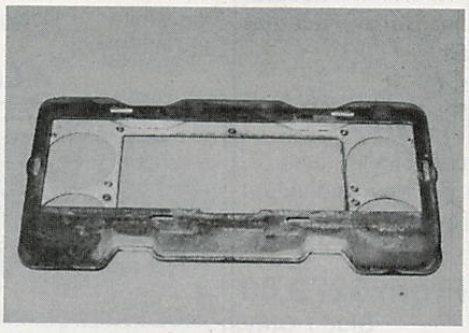
One of the pieces necessary for this conversion is a bezel from a Standard or pickup instrument cluster. So you might as well start out with one of those if possible.



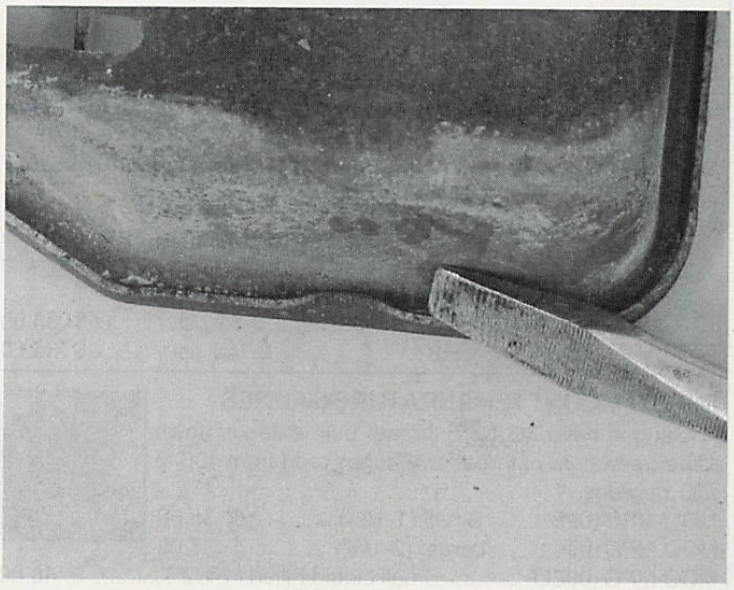
The DC Street Rods metal parts are CNC-machined and as a result are extremely accurate. New glass is included along with all the necessary fasteners (not shown).



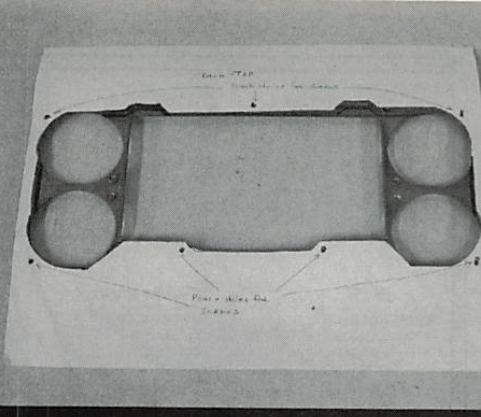
This is a backside view of the original '40 cluster. The stock gauges are removed, and, as ours were beyond saving, they were dumpster-bound.



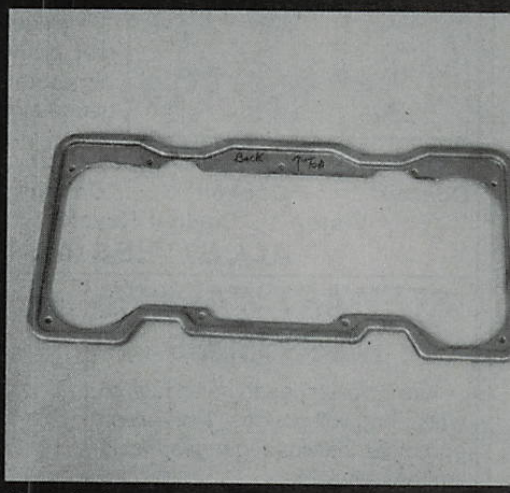
All that's reused from the original instruments is the "box" they came in.



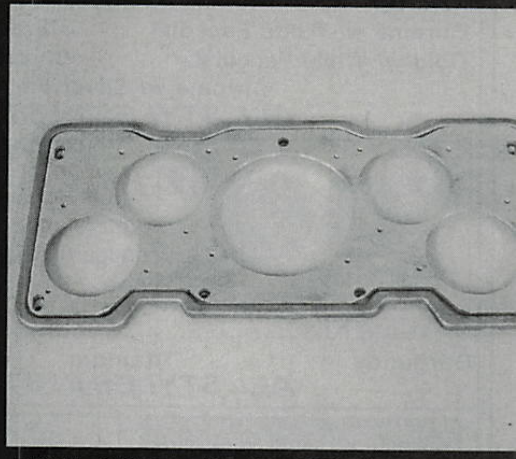
Although it's not necessary, for photo purposes we opened the crimps and separated the two halves of the instrument housing.



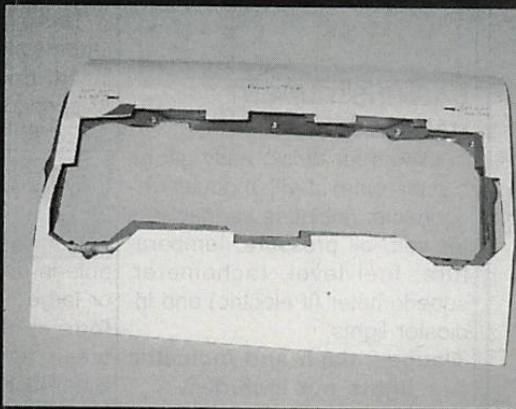
After a trip through the bead blaster, the supplied template was attached to the back portion of the housing.



A cutoff wheel was used to make the necessary modifications. Here's the result.



A trial installation of the new DC backplate confirmed that it fit without interference.



Next the front of the housing was trimmed to allow installation of the new faceplate.

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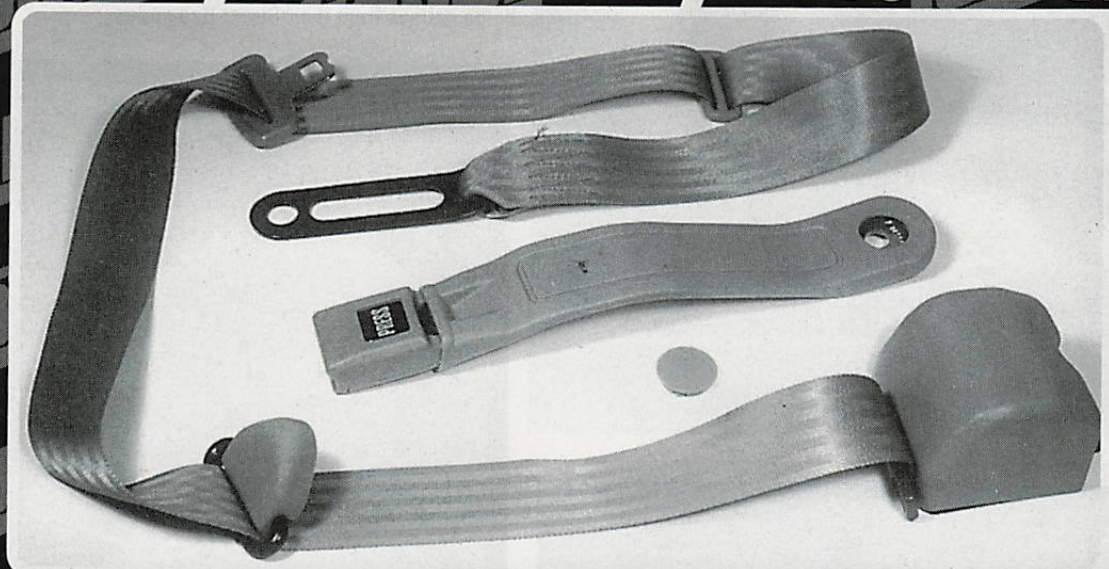

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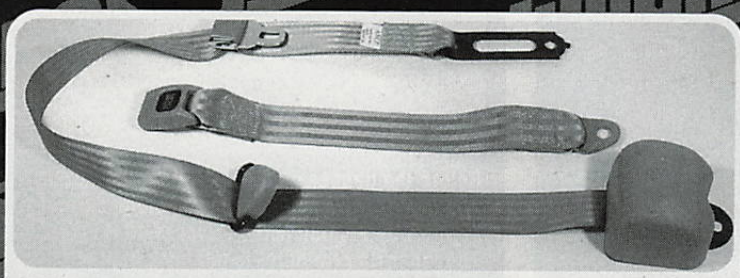

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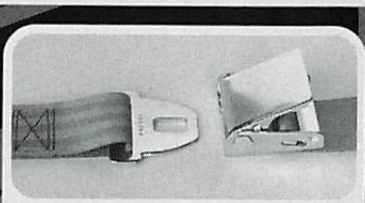

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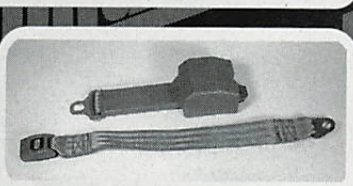

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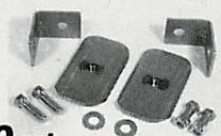

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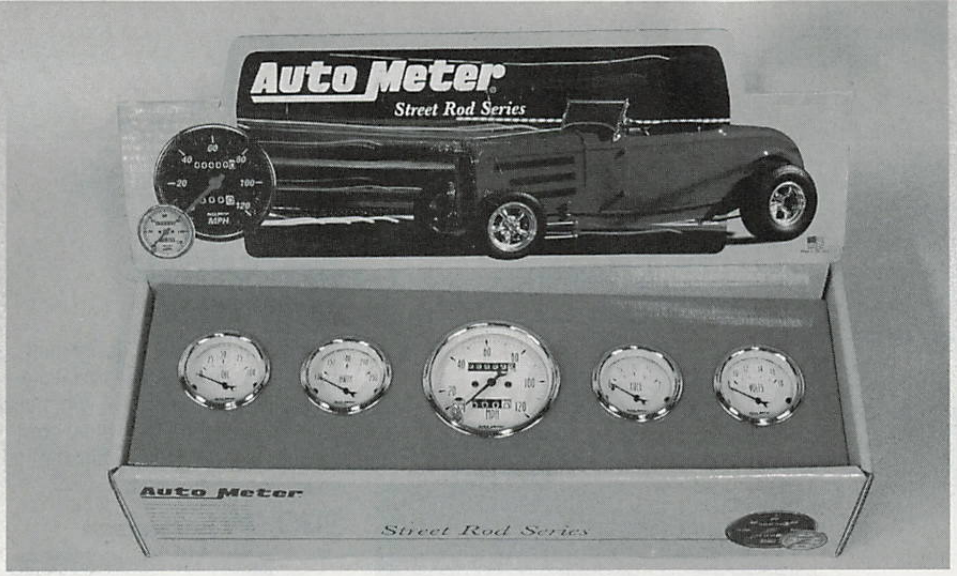
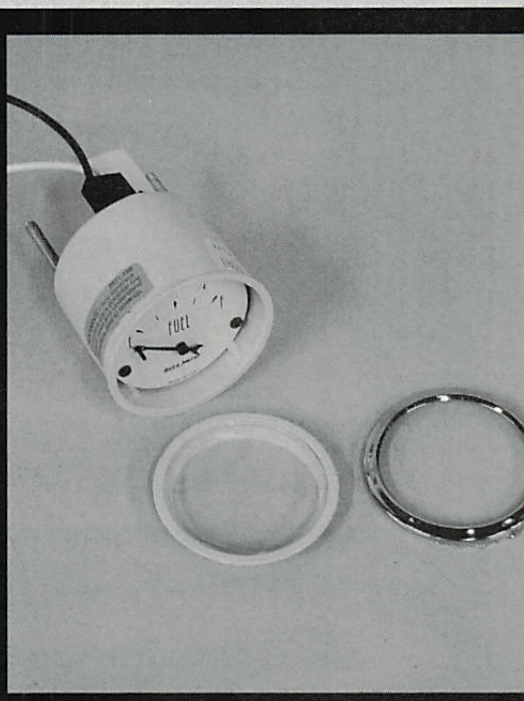
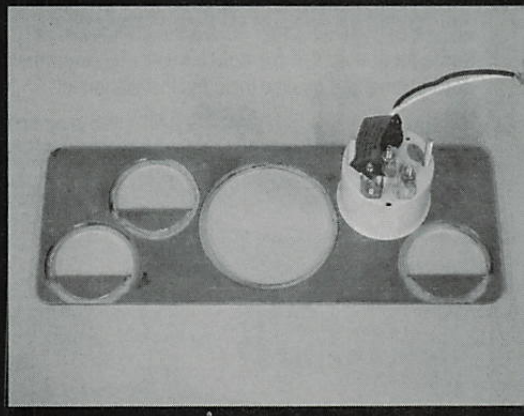


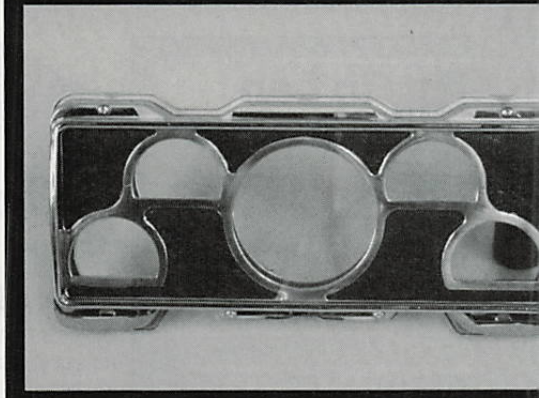
For our application we chose Auto Meter antique beige gauges from their Street Rod series.



Before the gauges can be installed, the bezels and lenses have to be removed. Some careful prying with a small screwdriver is all it takes. The inner ring (middle) is put back in place.



With the lenses removed, the gauge housings are test-fit into machined grooves in the back of the faceplate.



After painting the reliefs in the faceplate (we used black crackle paint for an old-time look), a trial-fit of the bezel was made.

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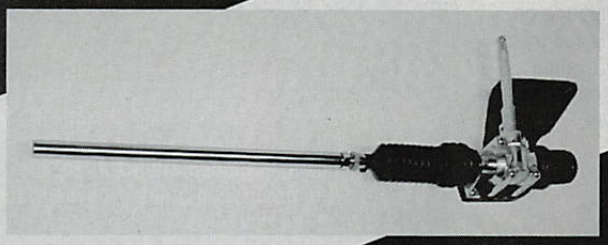

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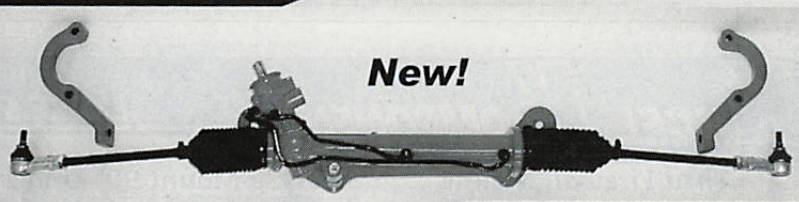

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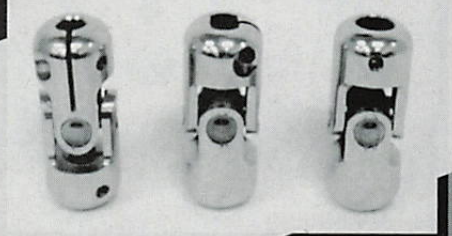

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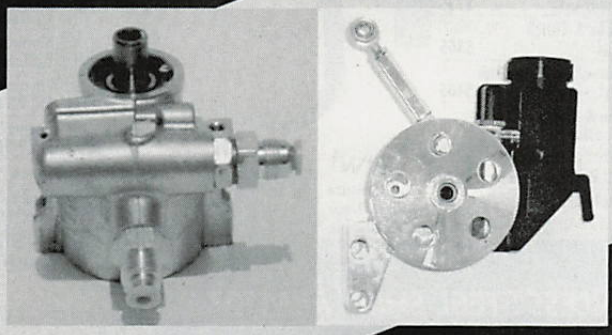

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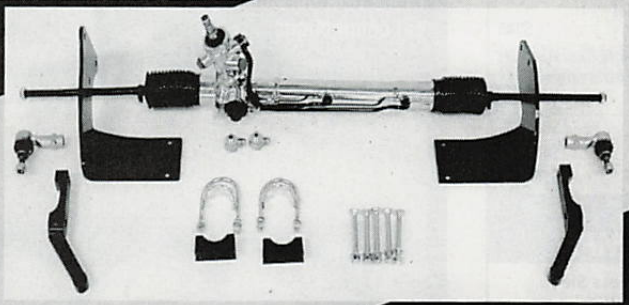

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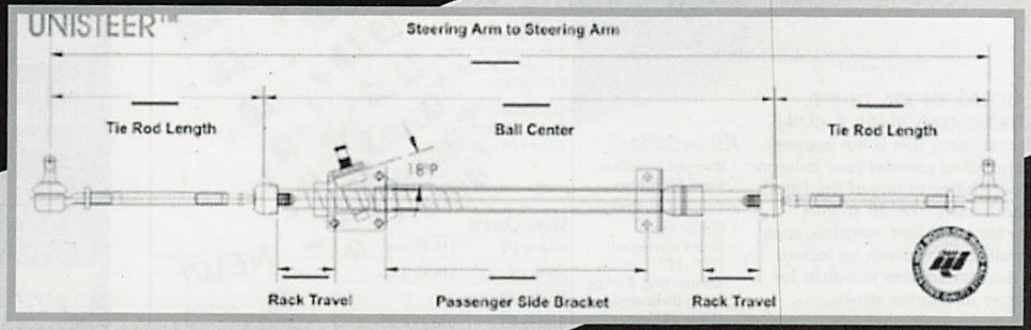

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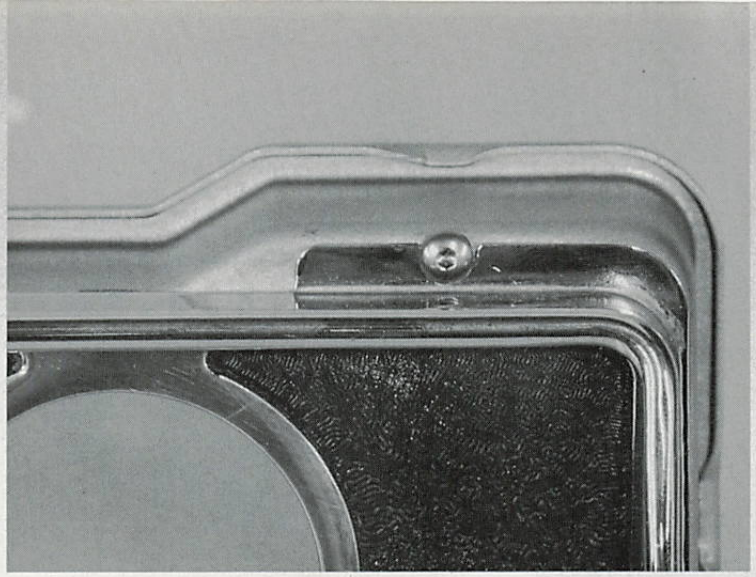
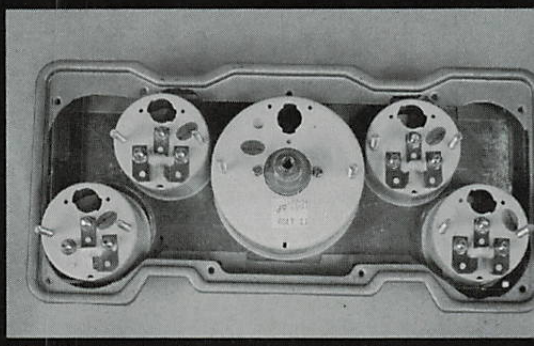
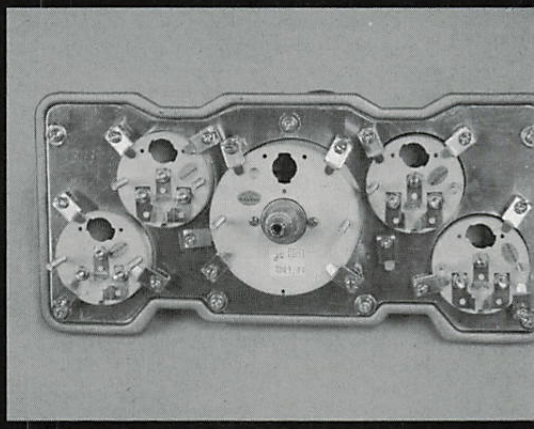


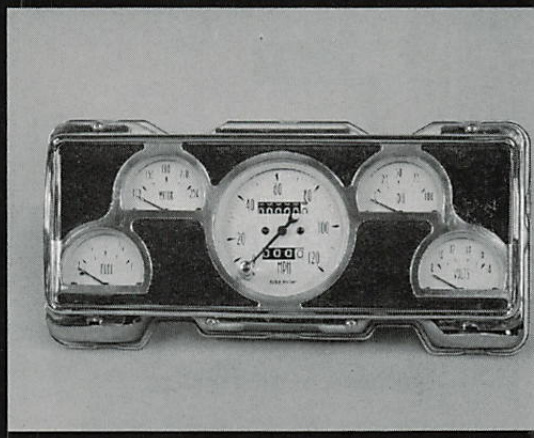
If a Standard or pickup cluster is being used, four tabs locate and secure the bezel. If a Deluxe cluster is used, the bezel will have to be positioned by a trial-fit, then secured with small screws.



With the bezel and faceplate installed, the gauges were positioned in the grooves in the backside of the faceplate.



With the gauges located, the backplate was carefully screwed in place and the gauge-retaining hardware installed. Make sure none of the retainers make contact with the electrical connections.



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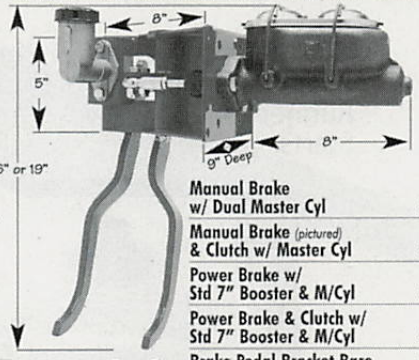

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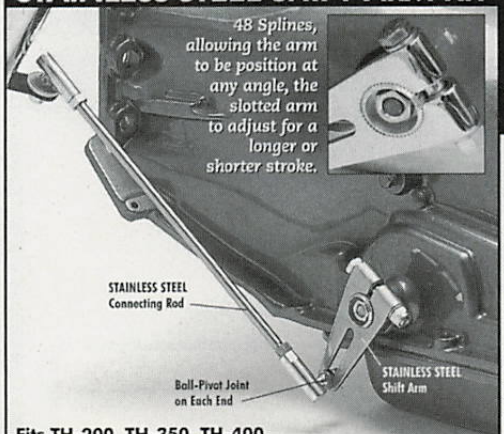
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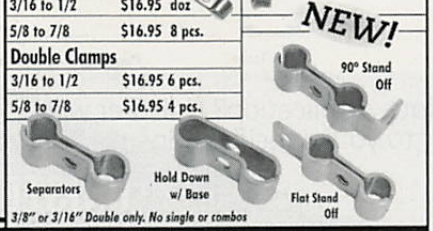

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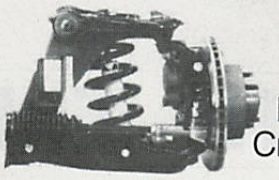

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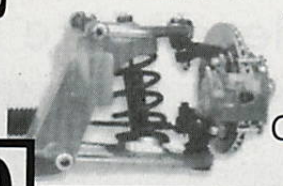

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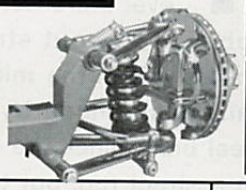

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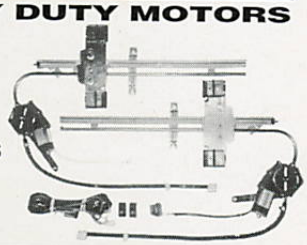

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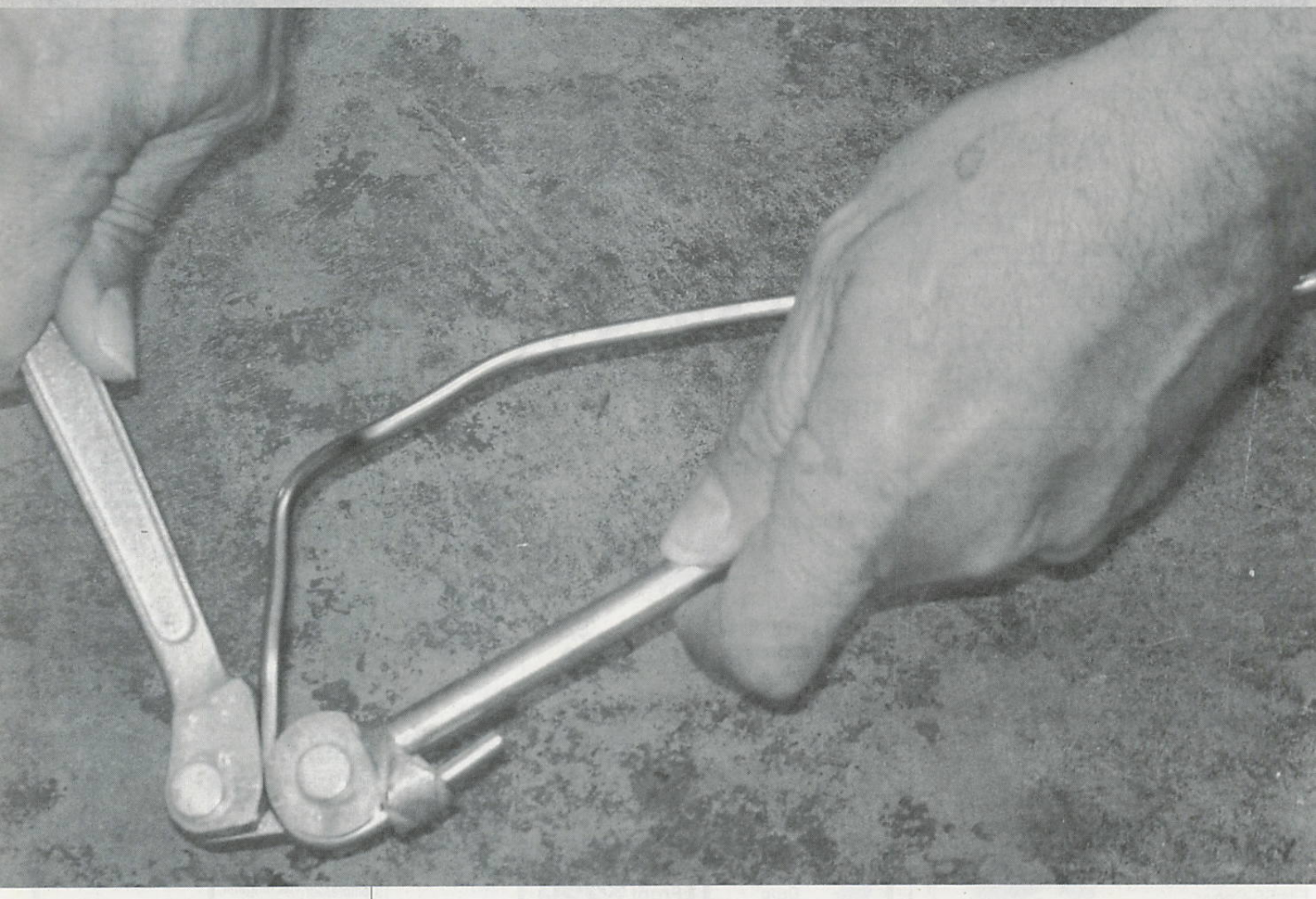

There's the old adage, "You shouldn't drive faster than you can stop." If ever there were a truism about our hobby, it's about street rods and their brakes—given the mistakes we see on a daily basis made by rodders. Stainless steel brake lines are far from a necessity on a street rod, but they do enhance the safety factor.

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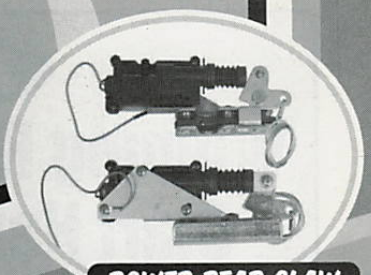

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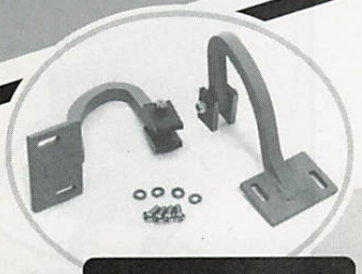

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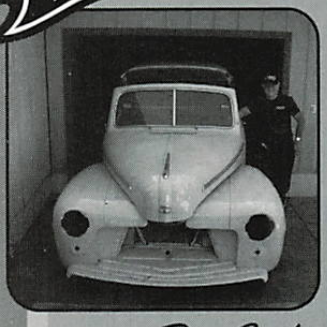

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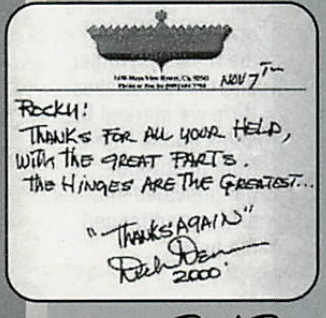

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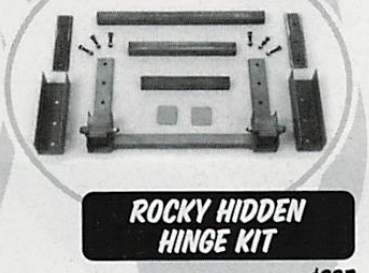

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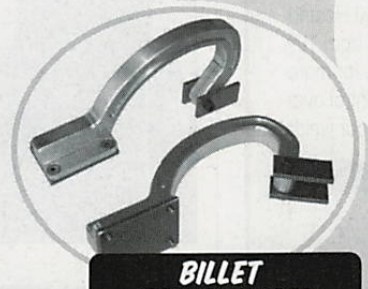

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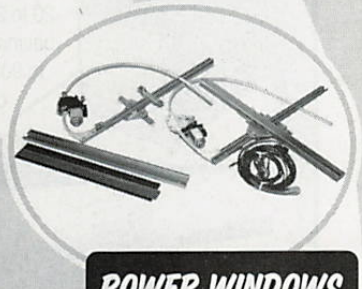

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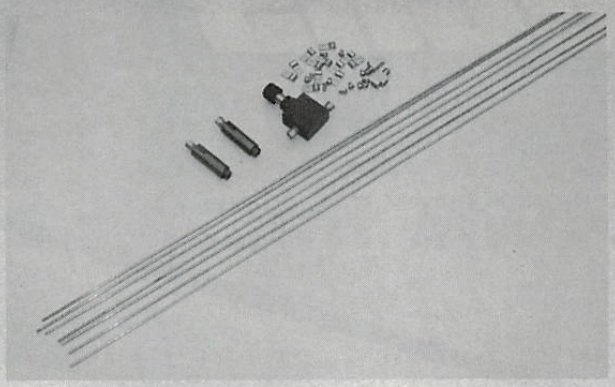
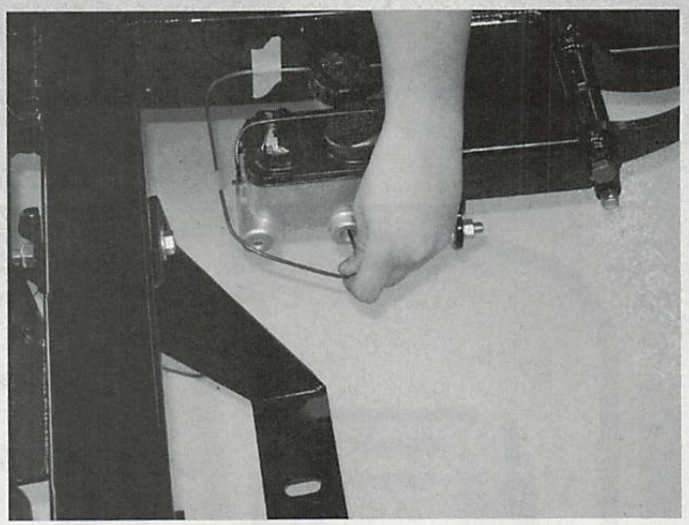
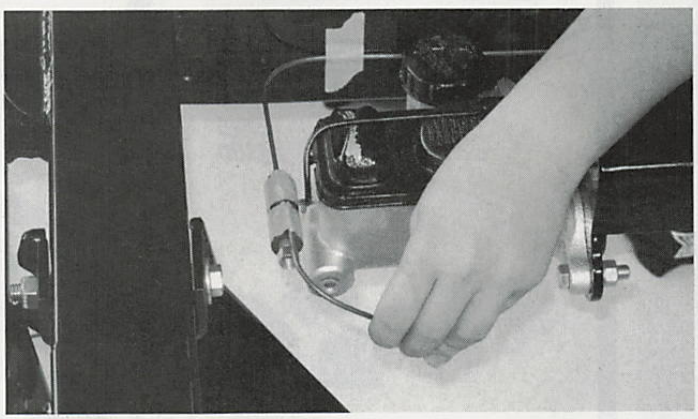


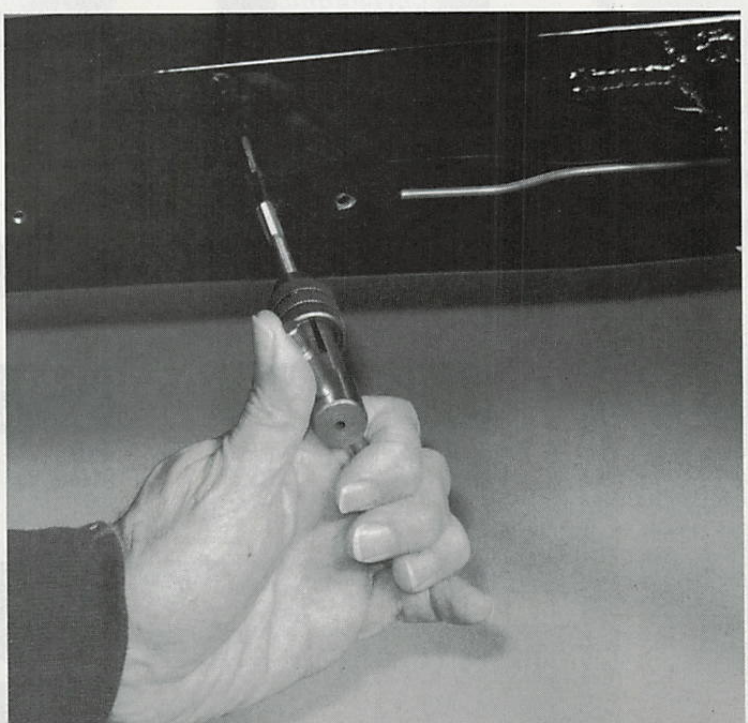
We began this project with 1/8-inch-diameter welding rod, two residual pressure valves, a proportioning valve, two trailer T fittings (these are fittings with one male and two female ports), and some stainless steel line clamps. We ordered the valves and fittings up front because they are needed to determine where the template brake lines are going to begin and terminate.



We bent a piece of the 1/8-inch welding rod to form a brake-line template directed toward the front of the vehicle (background). We then formed a U-shaped brake-line template exiting the master cylinder (foreground). The residual pressure valve will be located between these two lines.



We then taped the residual pressure valve in place below the brake-line templates. This allowed us to mark the template brake lines so they could be cut to match where the final brake lines will match up with the residual pressure valve. We followed the same steps for the rear brakes residual pressure valve and brake-line templates.



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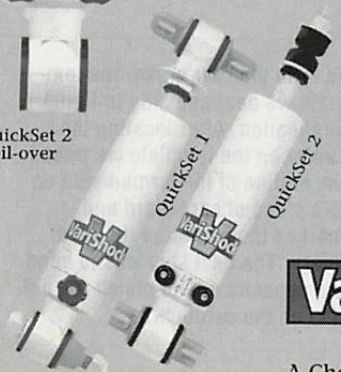

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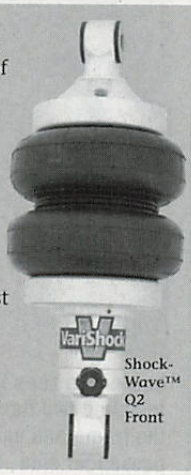

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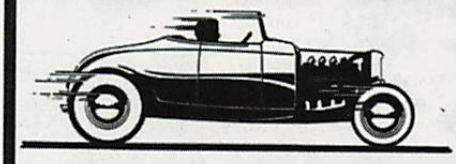

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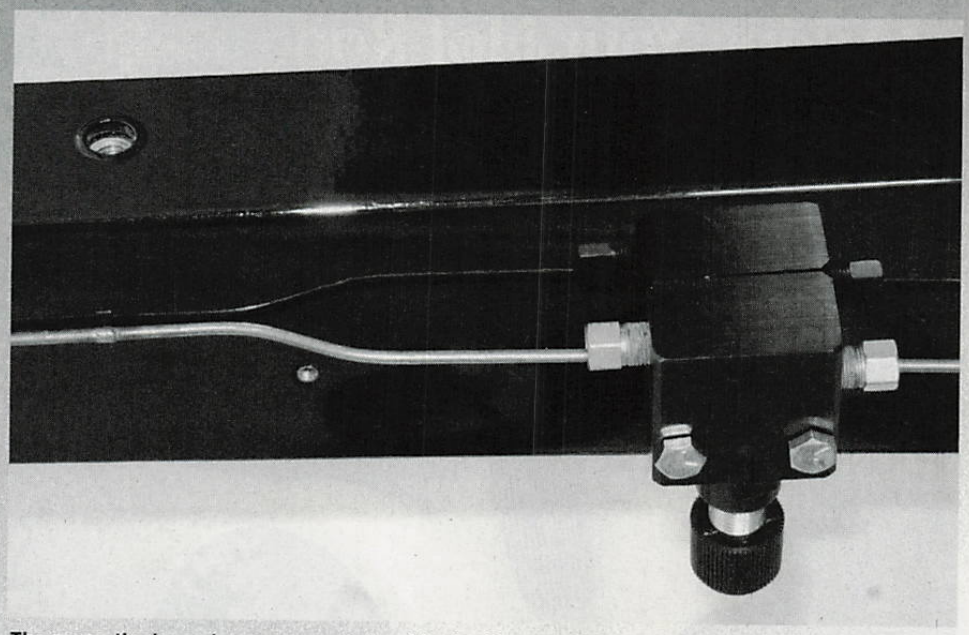
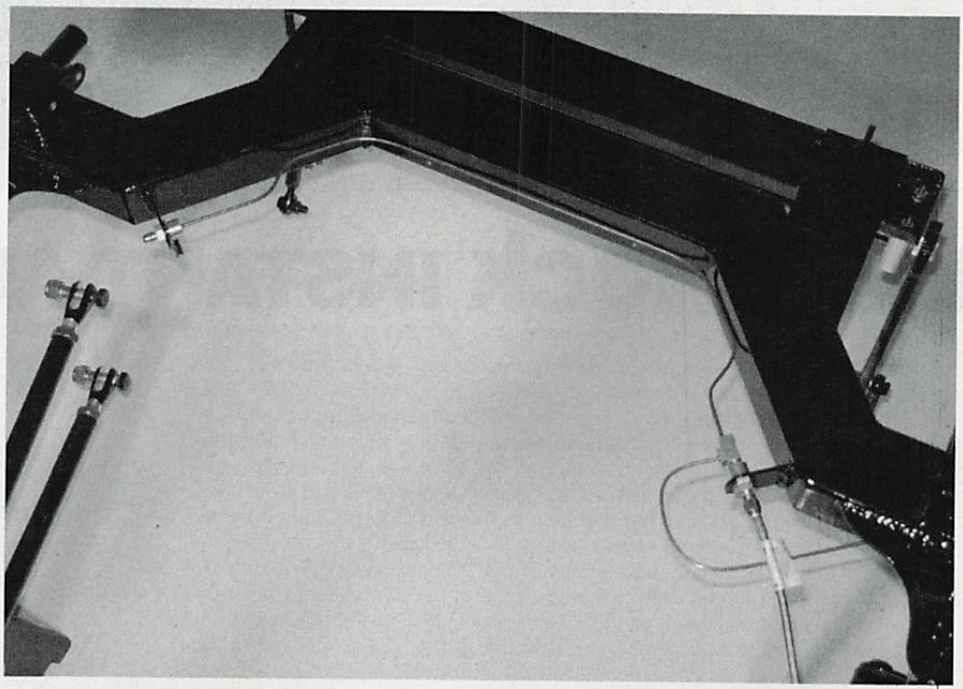
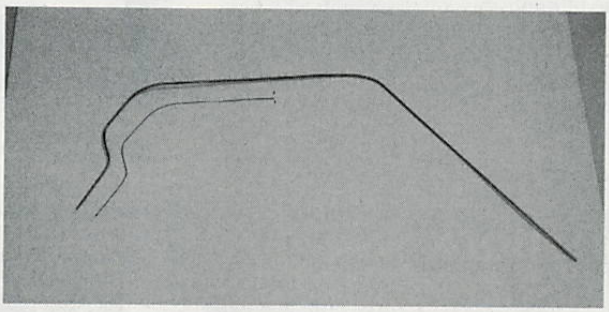


The proportioning valve was mounted and brake-line templates were formed to follow the frame and come off of the frame to line up with the ports in the proportioning valve. Stainless steel line clamps were located along the brake-line templates and holes were drilled and tapped into the frame to mount the clamps. Note that the line going to the rear (left) is made of two pieces of welding wire welded together. Several of the brake-line templates were longer than the welding rod we were using for templates.



In order to keep the rearend housing clean, we ran the rear cross brake line along the frame and installed two flexible lines at each rear brake. The rear brake-line template was formed to follow the frame and end at a trailer T fitting on the driver side and a brake-line adapter fitting on the passenger side. The brake-line tabs were previously welded in place on the frame. The trailer T allowed us to attach the T directly to the brake-line adapter via the male port on the fitting and run one brake line in and one brake line out. This eliminates the short brake line required if you utilize a T fitting with three female ports.



To form the rear brake-line template we bent one side to fit the application. After locating the center on the template we traced the outline of the formed side on to a piece of cardboard and marked the center on the cardboard. The next step was to bend the opposite end to match the outline on the cardboard.

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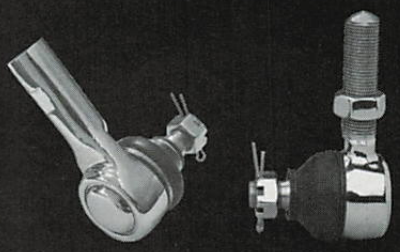
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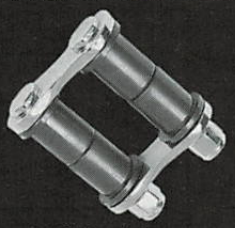
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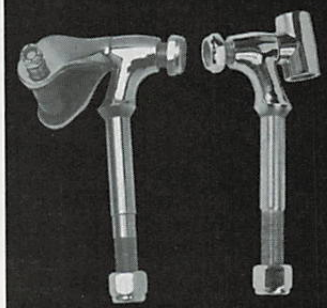
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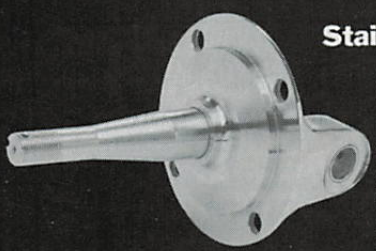
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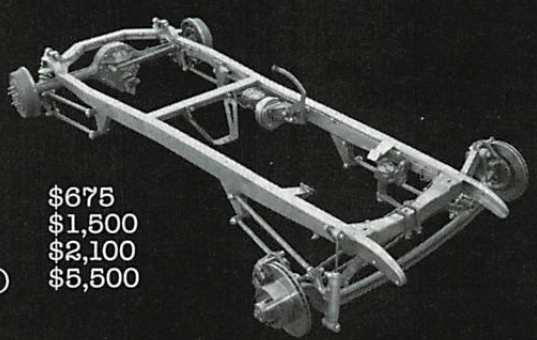

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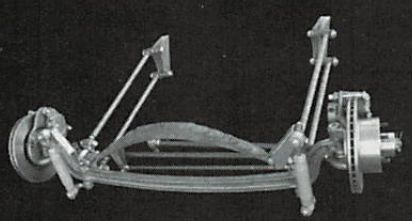
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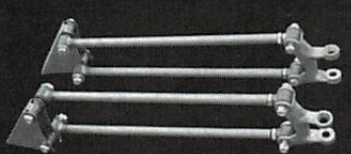
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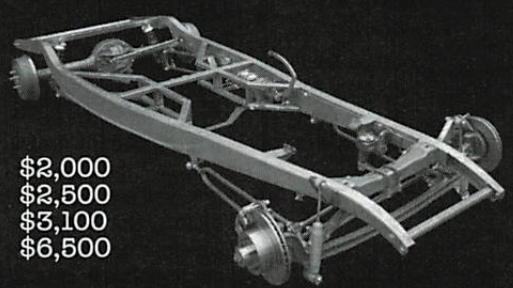

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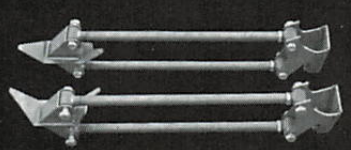
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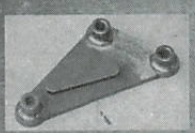
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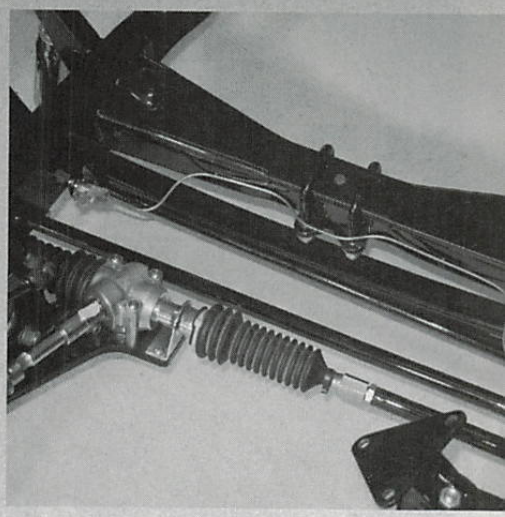

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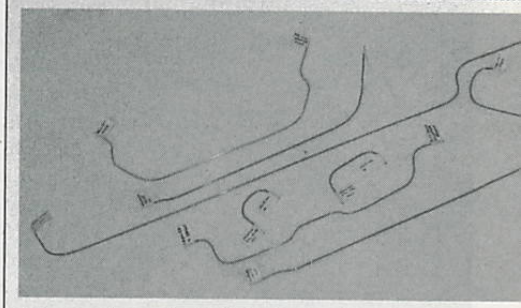
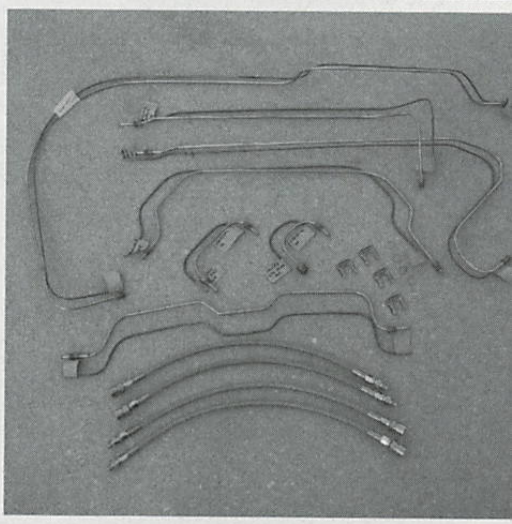


After we formed all of the brake-line templates, we marked each end as to where it fit into the brake-line system. This allowed Classic Tube to attach the correct fitting to each line end. By eliminating adapters, we achieved a professional-looking brake-line system and eliminated potential leak points.



We shipped the brake-line templates to Classic Tube and, after several weeks, we received a complete stainless steel brake-line system. Our templates were included so that we could see what was manufactured matched our templates. Note: One long line was bent and marked "Bent for Shipping Purposes." That line was easily straightened out prior to installation.

but since we are always looking for a better and less laborious way to build street rods, we decided to try it out. While we were at it, we ordered the needed adapters, clips, crush washers, residual pressure valves, etc.

The templates were formed from 1/8-inch-diameter welding wire. In several places we welded two pieces of welding wire together to form a longer piece. We then marked the ends of each template to describe where the ends fit in the brake-line system (master cylinder, residual pressure valve, etc.). Classic Tube is able to install the correct fittings, thus eliminating adapters and potential brake-system leak points.

We will not get into the various types of hoses available in the automotive world in this article, but it's important to note that flexible brake-line hoses are very important to your safety and the safety of those around you. While speaking with Tom we discovered that many of the stainless flexible brake hoses on the market today are not Department of Transportation (DOT) approved. These brake hoses normally are marked "Recommended For Off Road or Racing Use Only," a disclaimer about street use. Since the flexible hoses we had on hand were not DOT-approved we added four braided stainless brake hoses to our order. Classic Tube's Stop Flex DOT stainless braided hoses are not only DOT-approved, but come with a clear Teflon protective sleeve covering the line, polished fittings, and polished crimp sleeves. These hoses are definitely high-quality and over the top as far as what can be done to make a brake hose beautiful.

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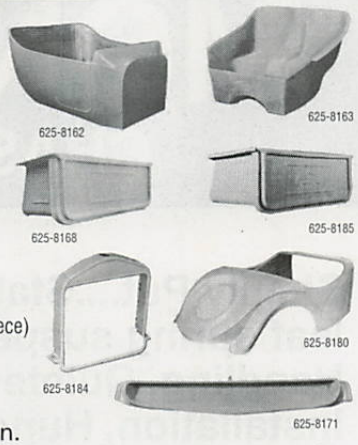

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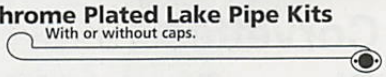

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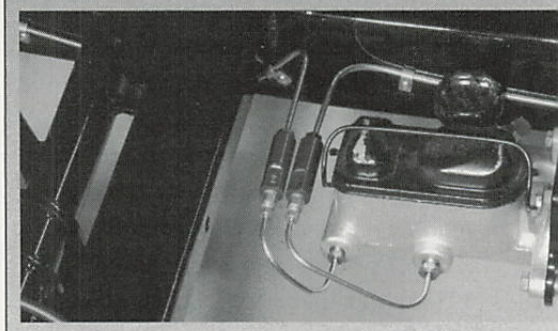
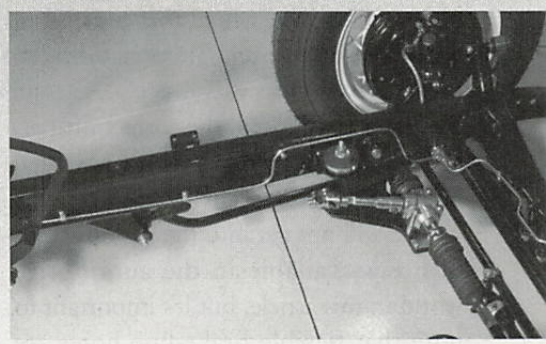
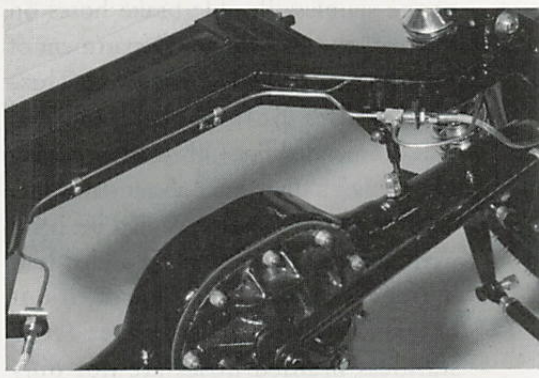


The residual pressure valves and the beautiful stainless steel brake lines make for a clean and neat installation.



The neatness and simplicity of the front brake-line system can be seen in this view. Strive for minimum bends, avoid loops, etc., and keep the brake lines as simple as possible.



Like the front brake-line system, the rear brake-line system is clean and simple.

Shown on the left is Classic Tube's Stop Flex Department of Transportation (DOT) approved braided stainless steel brake hose. For protection, the braided portion of the hose is covered with a clear Teflon sleeve. For *beauty*, the crimp ferrules and end fittings are polished stainless steel. On the right is the non-DOT-approved flexible brake hose found at swap meets across the country. We advise you to obtain the best brake parts—including hoses—that are available. Your safety, as well as the safety of those around you, is on the line.

brakes, do not pump the brake pedal, just push it down and bleed at each wheel cylinder. Start with the wheel cylinder farthest from the master cylinder and work back to the wheel cylinder nearest to the master cylinder.

We also discussed DOT 3 and DOT 5 (silicone) brake fluids with Tom. We were told that because of its low viscosity, DOT 3 will give you a harder pedal feel. However, DOT 3 will boil at high temperatures, remove paint if spilled on painted surfaces, and if you use DOT 3 brake fluid, you must purchase small quantities and do not store it as it will absorb moisture. DOT 5, known as silicone brake fluid, will not absorb moisture, has a higher boiling point than DOT 3, and will not harm painted surfaces. DOT 5 has a higher viscosity and, because of its higher viscosity, you will get a softer brake pedal, plus it is tricky to bleed and will leak more easily than DOT 3 brake fluid. You cannot mix DOT 3 and DOT 5 fluids. If you switch from one to the other you must thoroughly flush the brake system prior to refilling. And do not top off a DOT 3 fluid system with DOT 5 fluid or vice versa. It's your choice of which fluid to use. We had a new system and we chose DOT 5 because, despite the drawbacks, we hate messing up painted surfaces when we bleed the brakes.

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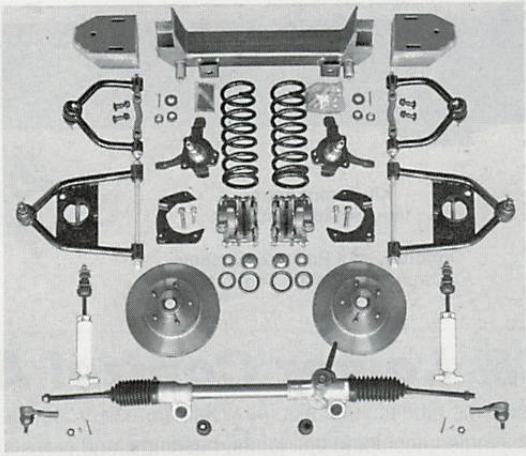

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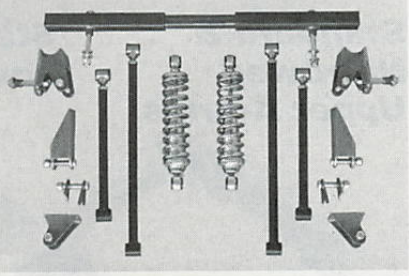

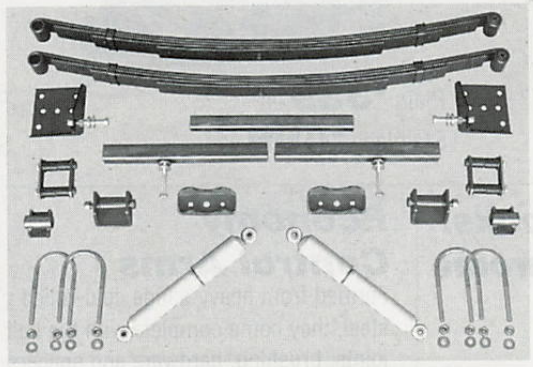

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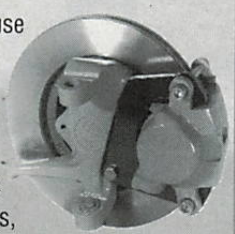

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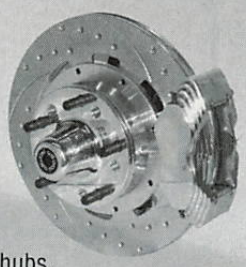

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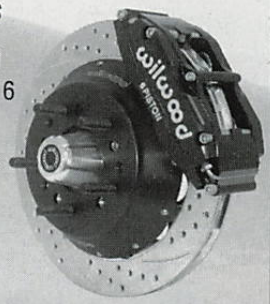

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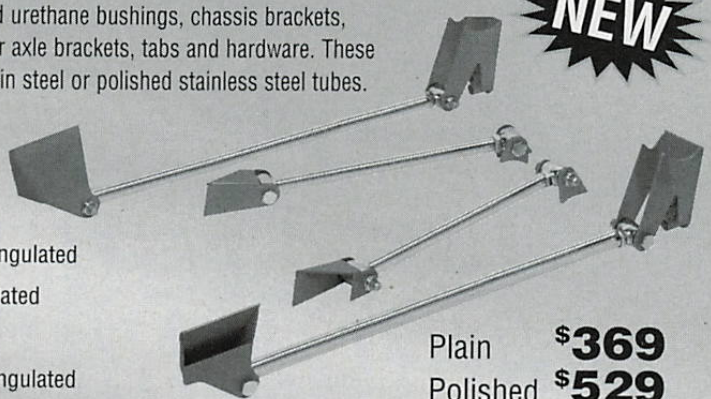

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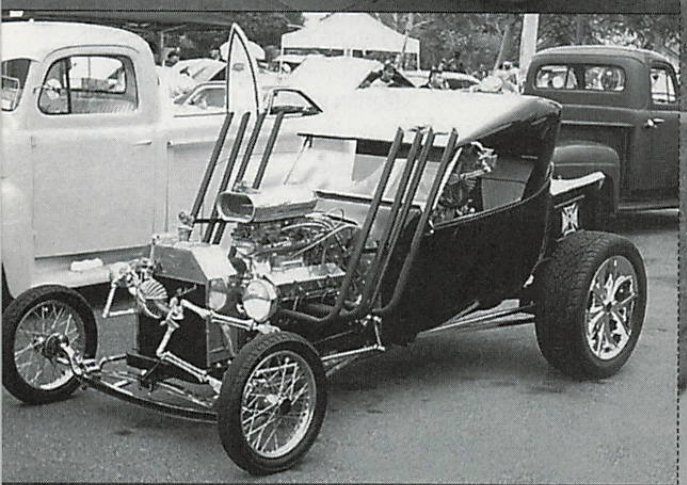
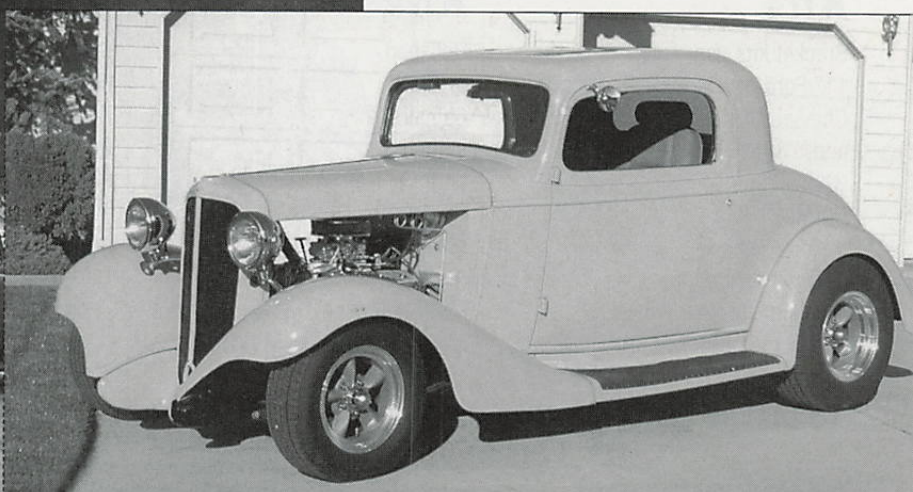
Like many well thought-out projects, sometimes a little outside help is needed to get the job done. This was the case for Tustin, California, resident Erick McCreight and his '36 International Harvester C-1 half-ton pickup. After some bonding time between Erick, his father, and the dilapidated '36 resulted in the realization that they might need some help, Erick enlisted the talents of Lowe Peterson of Auto Projects in Santa Ana, California. Since then the truck has been transformed into the street rod she deserves to be with the addition of a 350ci ZZ4 crate engine, Mustang II IFS, and some much-needed bodywork. So far so good Erick, just keep us informed along the way.



Check out Mike Ojeda's version of a Munster T-bucket complete with Total Performance's "Performer" top that has the perfect Munster lean. Mike's SoCal-based '27 runs a well-equipped Chevy small-block with an Offy tunnel ram and 9-inch Ford rearend, but the coolest pieces have to be the 14-inch motorcycle wheels and tires in combination with a set of 22-inch rims in the rear. We like the pipes too!



It may have taken Dennis Kuhl a little over 55 years to build his first hot rod, but just look at the results. After locating the ex-drag race '33 Chevy three-window coupe body that had been sitting in a barn since the late '60s, Dennis knew he had found an exceptional deal and dove right in with both feet. Dennis then proved to the world that you're never too old to play with toys by building the car himself, only farming out the paint and bodywork to good friend Jim Sullivan. The '33 now runs a 330hp Chevy small-block with roof section from a Maverick, '41 Chevy taillights, '95 Mustang bucket seats, and a set of American Racing Torque-Thrust wheels, finishing the Chevy off perfectly. Dennis ended his letter with a statement that left us speechless. It read: "I hope you can put a picture of my car in *STREET RODDER* magazine even though a famous builder didn't build it." Lets just set the record straight for Dennis, and anyone else out there in reader land wondering the same thing: We (*SRM*) couldn't care less if your ride was built at the most famous shop in the world, or in your own backyard. It's all about the end result, but just between you and me, there's nothing as cool as someone going the distance to build the car of his or her dreams, especially if it's the first time. Much respect to you, Dennis.

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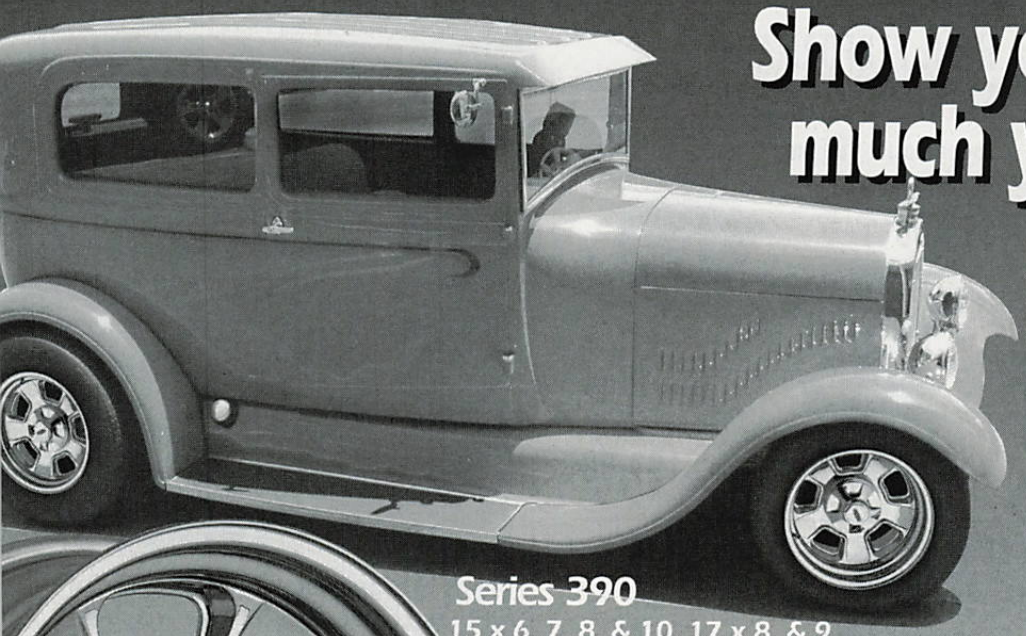

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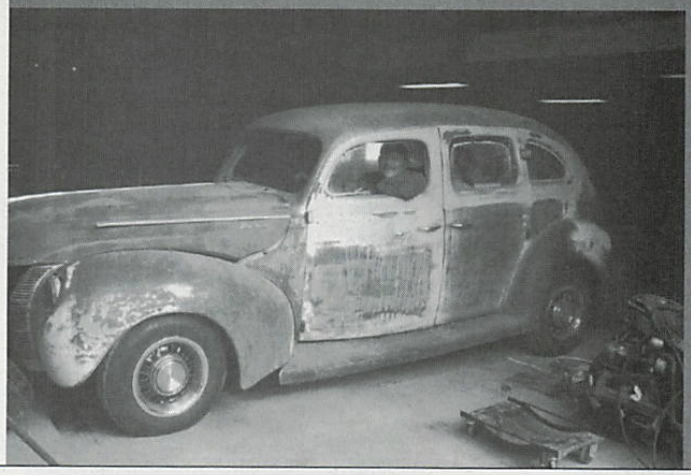

Tom "The Terrible One" Cook of Camano Island, Washington, e-mailed us a few nice shots of his latest project–a 1940 Ford sedan. Besides having a fairly straight-looking body (we're referring to the car, not "The Terrible One"), Tom has installed a Total Cost Involved Engineering Mustang II IFS, a narrowed 9-inch Ford out back, and a stout 351ci Ford Windsor with Top Loader four-speed. Thanks for being such a loyal reader (Tom said he has subscribed to *SRM* since it started), and we hope to see you on the highway, too, Tom.

Every car nut on the planet dreams of finding an old hot rod or custom car that was built "back in the day," if you will. It seems like somebody is finding one of these elusive rides every day. Dean Gooch of Henderson, Texas, was the lucky one when he fell upon this highly customized '37 Ford coupe-turned-roadster. Once Dean got a closer look, he noticed all of the very extensive bodywork was done with lead, and, from some of the parts used, Dean figures the car might have been built in the mid- to late-'50s. Other than that, Dean is at a loss for information regarding who built her, who owned her, or where exactly she's from. If anyone out there in reader land can help with this info, please do not hesitate to drop us an e-mail so we can put you in touch with Dean and his new/old heavily cut '37.

Here is yet another amazing example of what can be done in your own garage. This Pepper Red Pearl '37 Plymouth has it all thanks to owner Larry Turner of Hillside, Indiana. Power comes from a hopped-up '69 Vette small-block equipped with everything Edelbrock, while a Heidt's IFS keeps Larry and the '37 going down the road smooth and straight. After five years of hard labor from Larry and his close friends, the Plymouth looks and drives better than ever. SR

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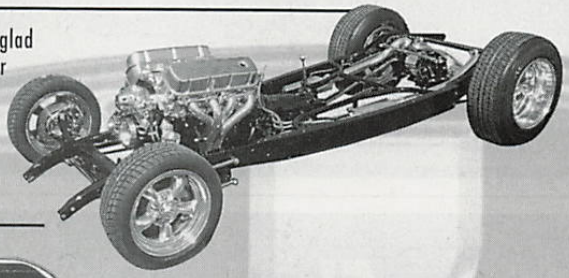

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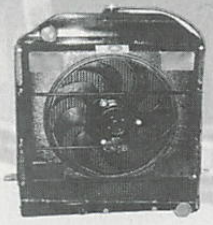

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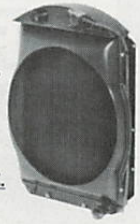

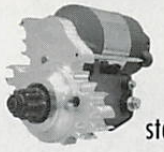

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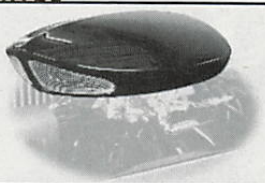

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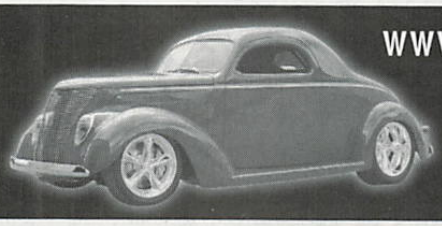

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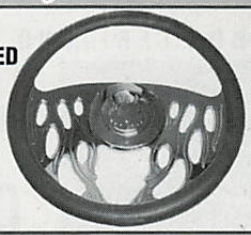

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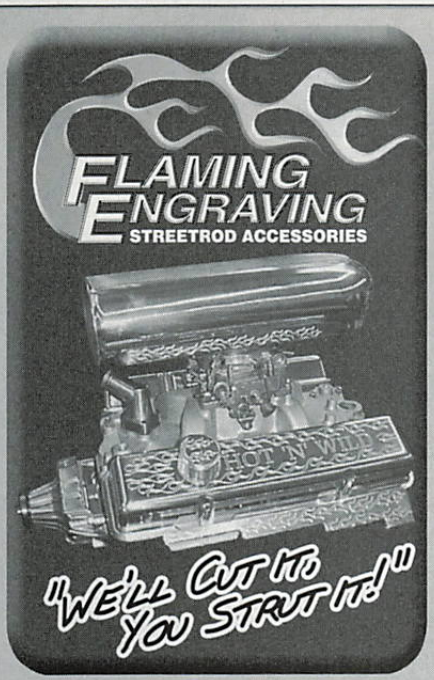

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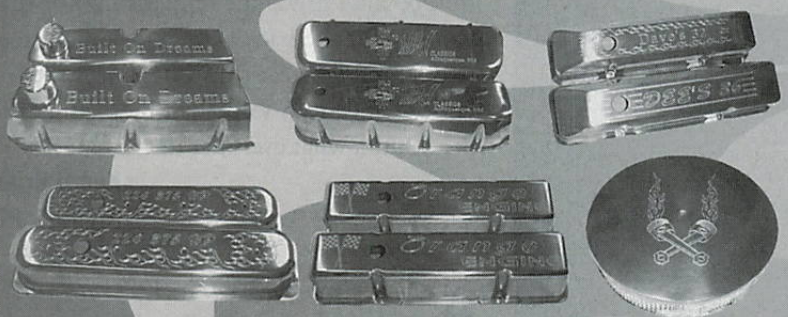

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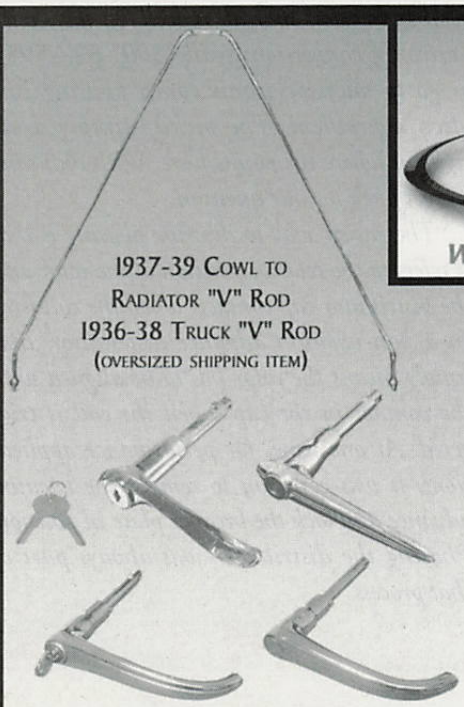

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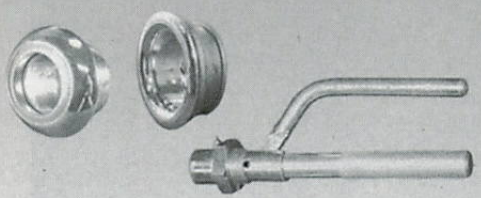

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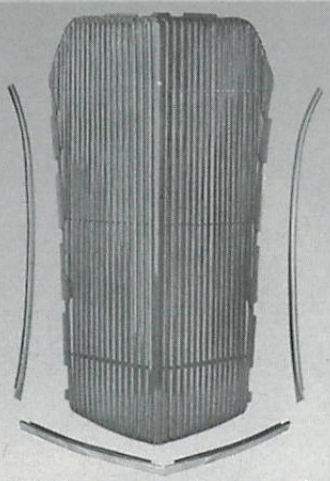

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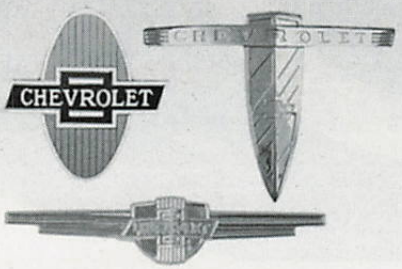

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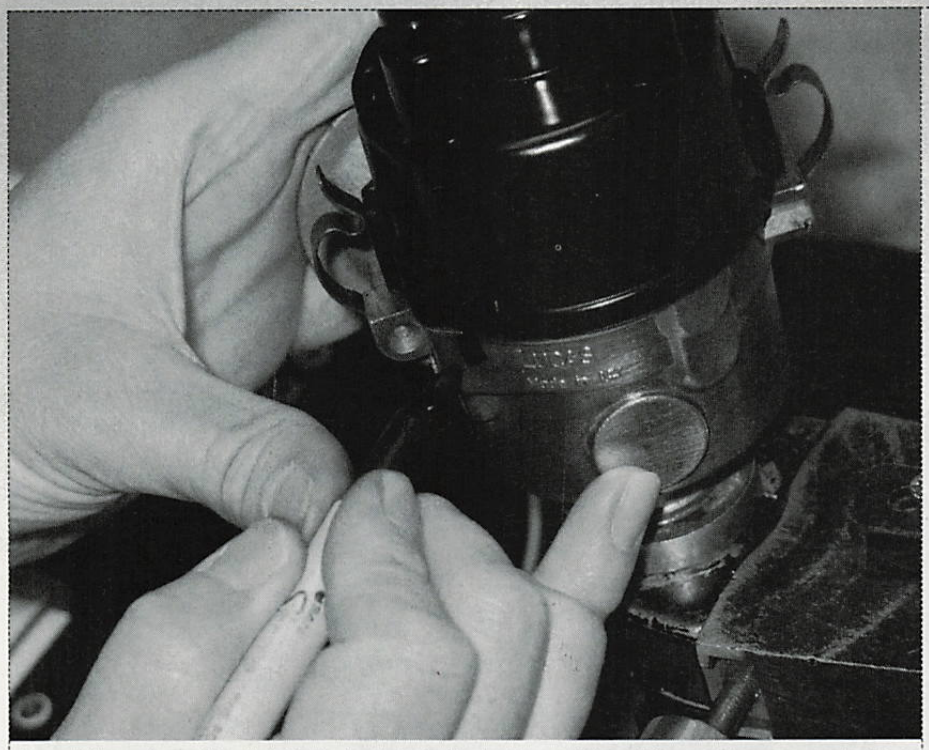
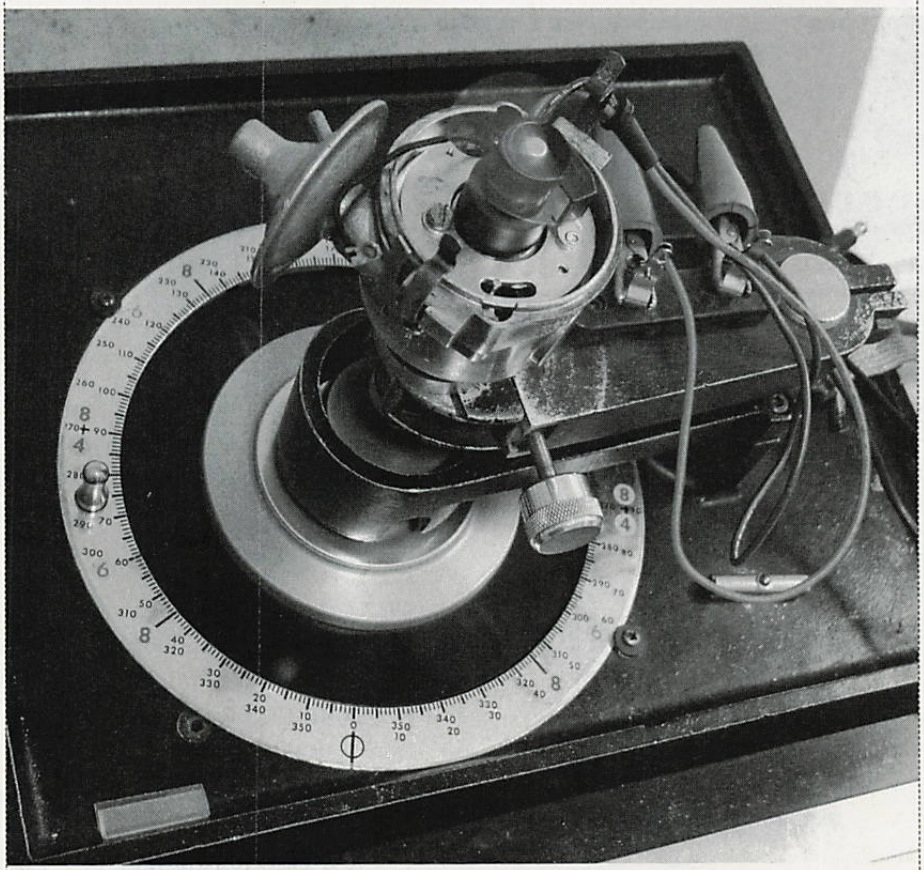


A mark is made on the distributor body to indicate the position of the number one contact in the cap (or a cutaway cap can be used).



The first step is to mount the distributor in the machine and make sure it is working properly. In this case, we're working with a Lucas four-cylinder distributor with a Pertronix conversion installed; it worked perfectly.

IT'S JUST A PHASE

Q. I've heard the term "phasing" a distributor, but I'm not sure what it means. My T-bucket has a 327 Chevy engine and a stock vacuum advance distributor with a Pertronix unit in it (I chose this combination because it was the only distributor that would clear the back carburetor on a three-two setup). The car runs fine, but is there a performance gain to be had by phasing the distributor, what ever that is?

Ken O'Brien
Daytona, FL

A. *Oddly enough Ken, a 327 with three-twos and an original vacuum advance distributor with a Pertronix is the same combination I've run in my roadster for over 75,000 miles. It's never been phased either and it runs great.*

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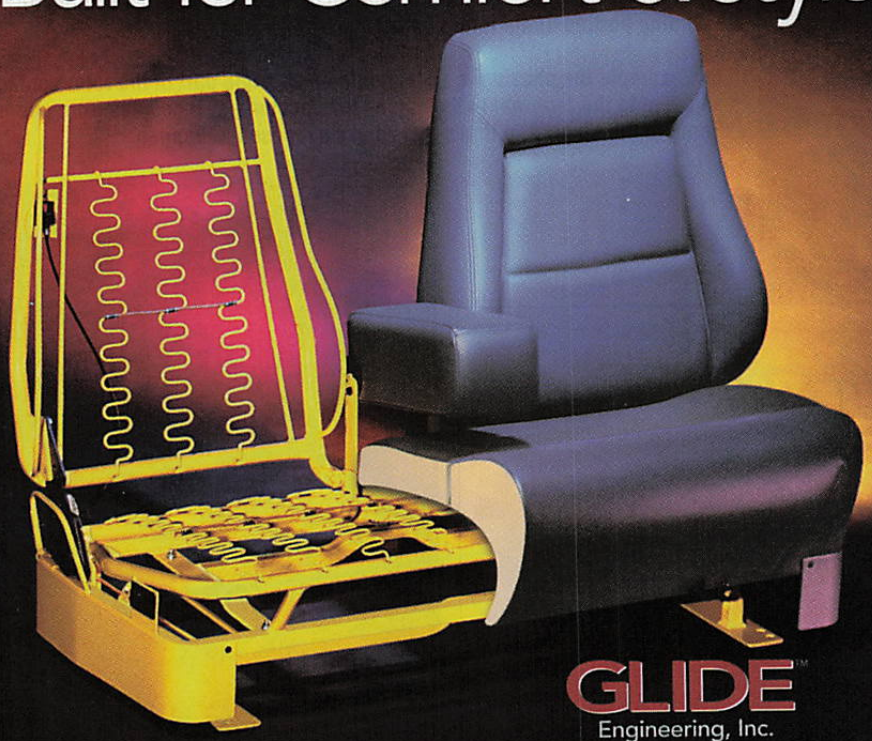

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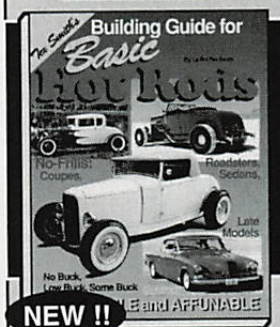

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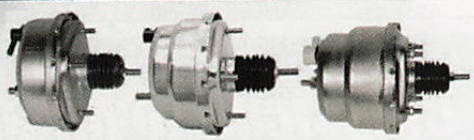

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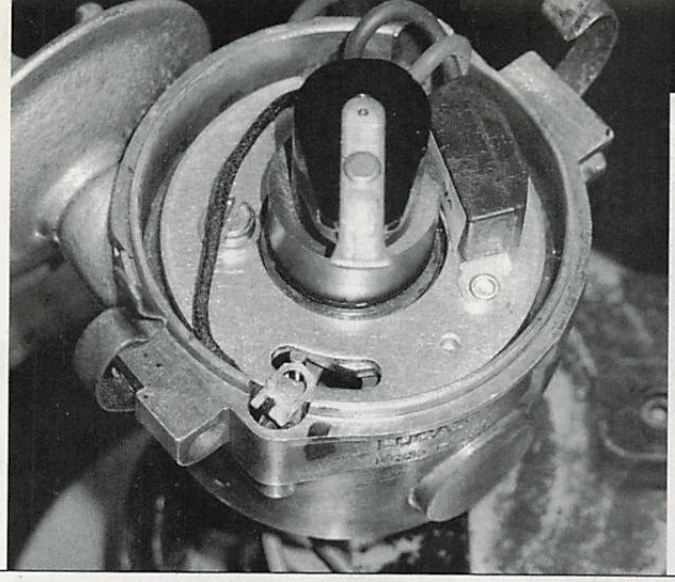
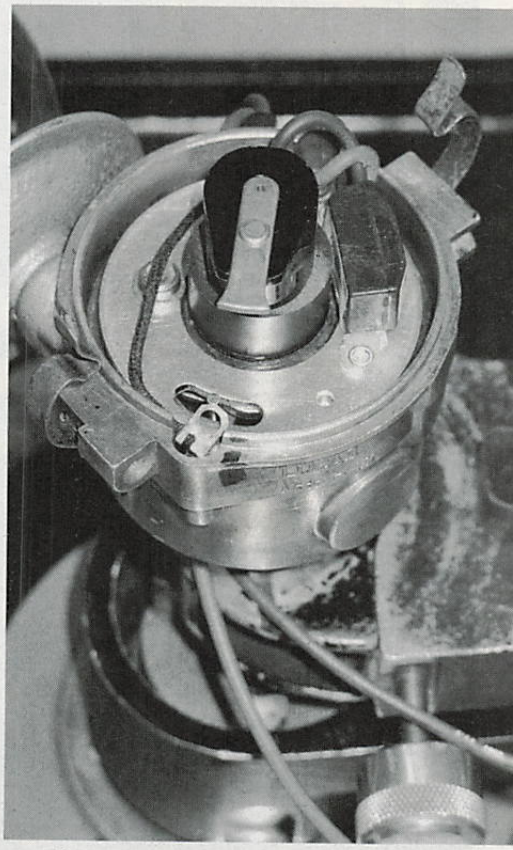


(left) Note the relationship between the rotor and the mark on the distributor body. With vacuum off, the timing is retarded and the spark is coming off the trailing portion of the rotor (the rotor is turning counter-clockwise).

(below) Now compare the relationship of the rotor and the mark on the distributor. As full vacuum is applied, the spark occurs earlier; now it's coming off the leading portion of the rotor contact.

In this example the phasing is as it should be as some part of the rotor contact is adjacent to the terminal in the cap as the vacuum advance goes from one extreme to the other. And that's just what's supposed to happen.



Phasing a vacuum advance distributor is a little more complicated as the plate that mounts the points, or the electronic pickup, moves to advance or retard the timing. Moving that plate makes the coil fire earlier or later, but in either case, the rotor must be aligned with the contact in the cap. The way that is accomplished is with a wide contact on the rotor (as the photographs show).

There are two ways to check phasing of a distributor. One is to drill a hole in the top of a distributor cap next to the number one contact and use a timing light to see when the spark occurs. A vacuum pump can then be used to advance and retard the timing to check phasing. A second method to check phasing is with a distributor machine, as shown here. SR

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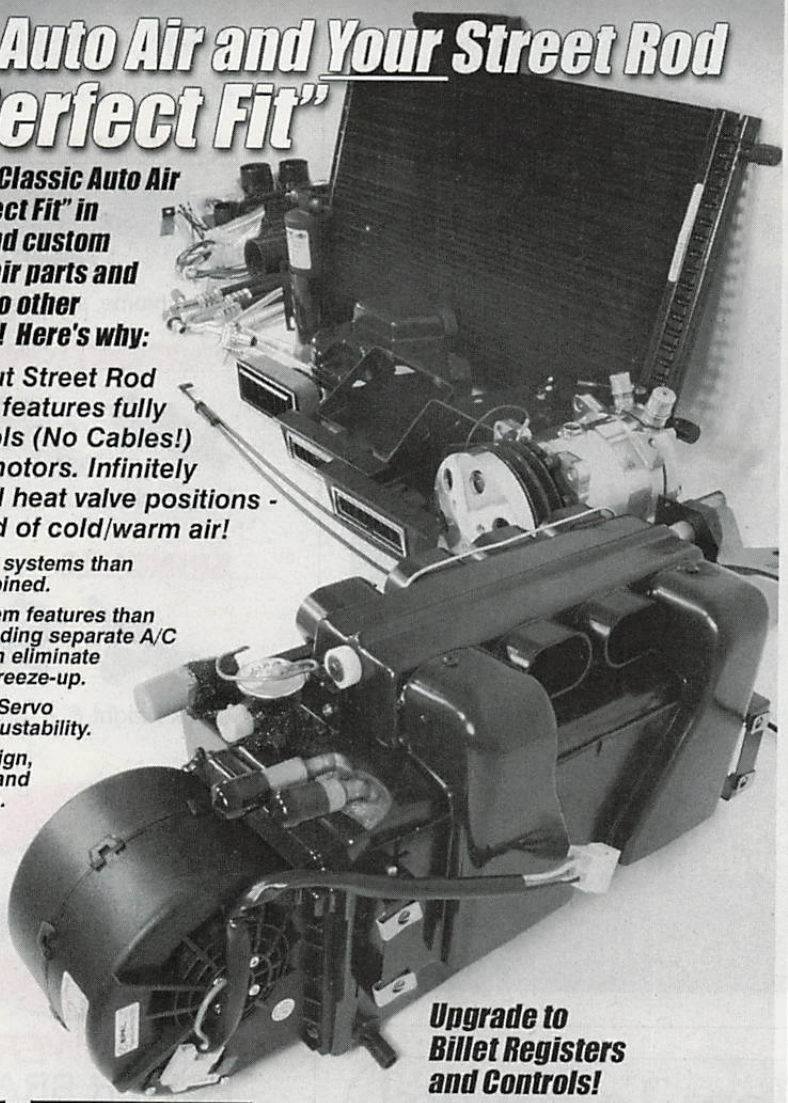

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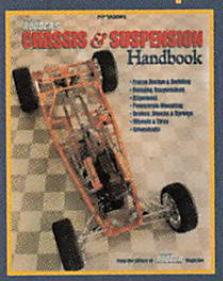

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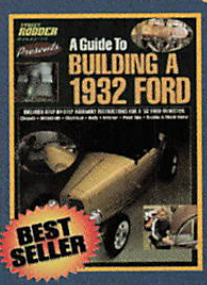

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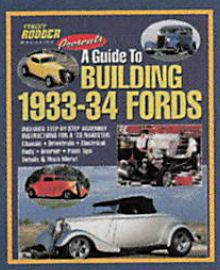

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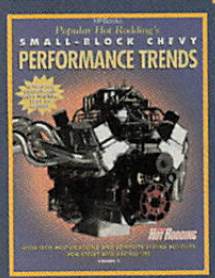

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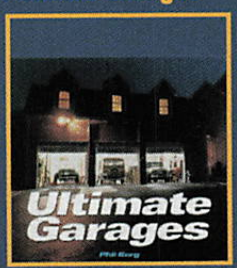

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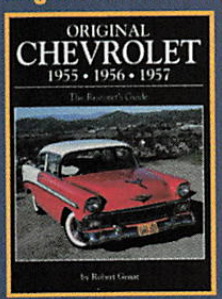

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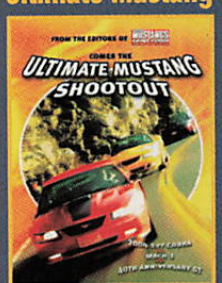

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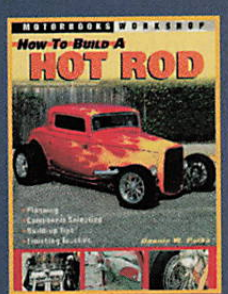

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Q. I'm looking for some advice on a sheetmetal repair on my 1947 Ford. Your articles in *STREET RODDER* have always been very informative—hope you can help me out.

My car has some previous damage to the driver-side cowl area, where the rear edge of the front fender bolts up and the rear edge of the hood aligns. (See attached photo with damaged area highlighted.) The damaged area has a complex shape—it is crowned in perpendicular directions and has a press-formed indentation so that the fender can bolt up flush. The previous owner apparently used a hammer and dolly to roughly get the sheetmetal back to its original shape (more hammer than dolly).

I can smooth the outside of the area for paint with a thin coat of plastic filler, but as a result of the hammering, the sheetmetal is pretty thin. It has three to four pinholes from rust, and there is a tear in the sheetmetal about 1inch long. The metal was blasted clean of rust and is now in DP40 awaiting repair.

I know the ideal fix would be to weld in a replacement panel. But a patch panel cannot be located, and the shape of the area would make it very difficult for me to form my own metal patch. Are there any other less-than-ideal solutions?

I'm considering:

1. Leading the area from the inside to fill the pinholes/metal tear, and provide some additional structural strength (although I've not tried leading yet).

2. Using epoxy resin and fiberglass mat to the backside of the area to fill the pinholes/metal tear, and provide some additional structural support.

3. MIG-welding a couple reinforcement pieces of sheetmetal to the backside of the area, then from the outside, MIG-welding the pinholes and tear closed.

4. OR, trying to form three to four separate sheetmetal-patch pieces to the various shapes of the area, cutting out the damage, and then trying to MIG-weld the multiple patch panels together and in place to duplicate the original shape (I've welded patch panels before—not sure how successful this approach would be though.)

Of the four options listed, do you have any suggestions, cautions, or recommendations? Is there another repair option that I'm missing? Hope you can help.

Craig Westby
Grants Pass, OR

A previous owner mangled the cowl of this 1947 Ford—let's look at some different approaches to repairing the damage.

A. *I must say, you have come up with several imaginative solutions to solve your problem. I don't want to "rain on your parade," but there are some downsides to several of the approaches you've listed. I'm only bringing these up so you and our readers can learn a bit more about some of the problems that are associated with metalworking. I'll address each idea you mentioned:*

1. Leaded repairs can be very good, when properly done. It is not good practice to lead over holes or cracks, since the lead needs a strong backing. You could tap down the highest spots, weld up the holes and crack, then lead over the area and file it smooth. It's really not feasible to lead the inside, since you need REALLY good access, and the contours of your cowl panel would hamper the use of a lead paddle on the inside.

2. I can't recommend using fiberglass as a repair material for a steel panel. Most fiberglass work is done with a polyester resin, and this just doesn't form a strong enough bond with the steel to withstand the different expansion rates between the resin and the metal. Epoxy resin is much better, but I still wouldn't recommend taking this approach, since an all-metal repair is so straightforward.

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3. The primary problem with this approach is that you will be creating a lot of voids between the reinforcement piece and the original metal, since it will be virtually impossible to make the reinforcement take on the exact contours of the damaged original panel. The biggest problem is that you are likely to have the biggest voids where the original metal is thinnest, so you aren't really getting much benefit from the reinforcement where you need it most. I'd much prefer to keep everything the same thickness, and I don't generally weld reinforcements behind any metal that is seen from the outside of the car. All too often when the car is parked in the hot sun, you can see where reinforcements have been welded into place. This is because, as the heat causes the metal to expand, the reinforcements resist the expansion to some degree, sometimes causing subtle waves to appear in the panel.

4. This approach is the best of the bunch! You will end up with sound metal, and everything will be the same thickness. The better your ability to shape metal with handtools, the fewer number of pieces you can use to duplicate the shapes you need. If you have a shrinker and stretcher to work with, you could easily make the patch piece from a single piece of metal, greatly reducing the amount of welding needed, which will reward you with less warping, and less time spent straightening the panel after welding. Another approach would be to make a hammerform to shape the patch over. One easy way to do this is to cast a fiberglass (or bondo) form against the inside of the panel (be sure to use a mold-release agent). When the form has cured, sand it smooth (I can see how bumpy the metal is now, and of course you want to get those bumps out), clamp a piece of metal over it, and hammer the metal tightly against the form. Once the metal is shaped, you can cut out the damaged area of you cowl, scribe and trim the patch piece to fit, and butt-weld it into place. Once welded, you can hammer and dolly the weld to work out any distortion, and either metal-finish the area, or use a little plastic filler if necessary.

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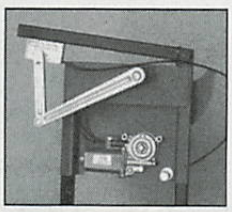

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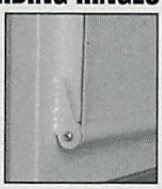

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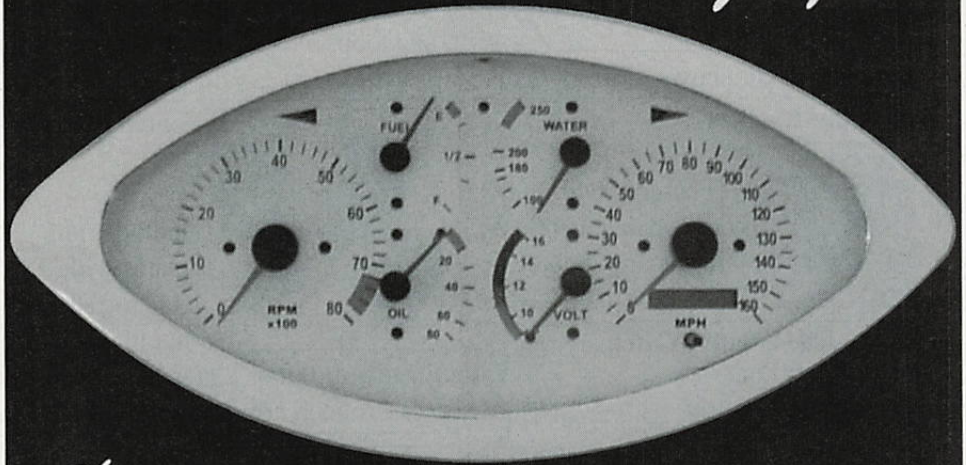

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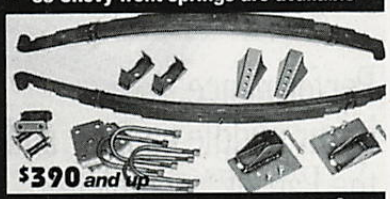

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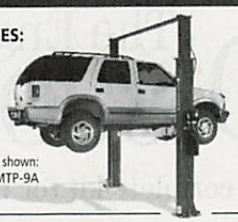

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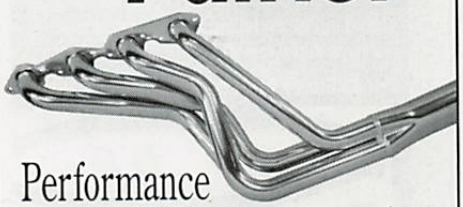

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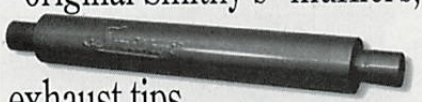

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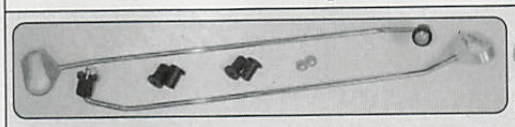

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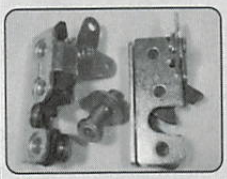

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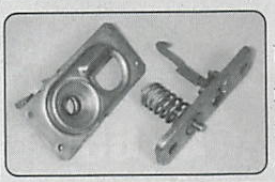

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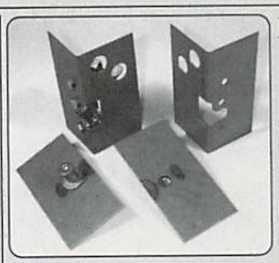

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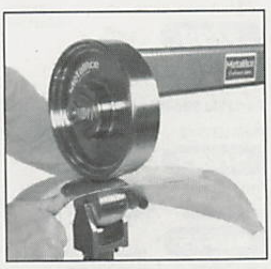

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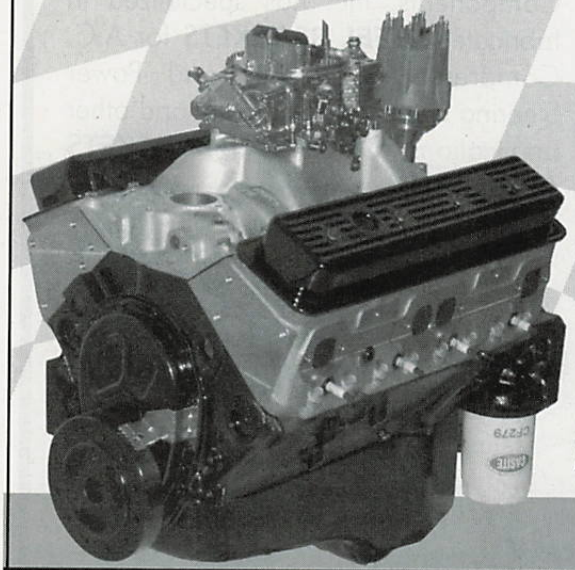

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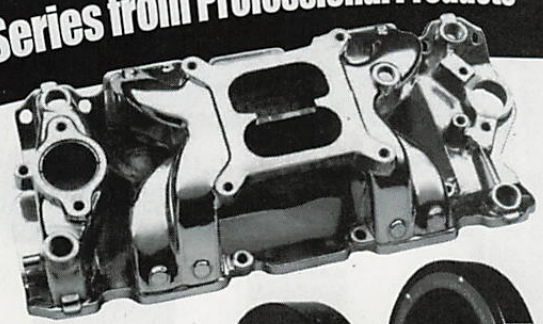

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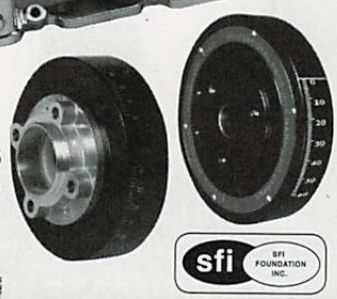

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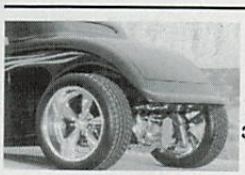

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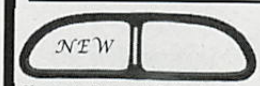

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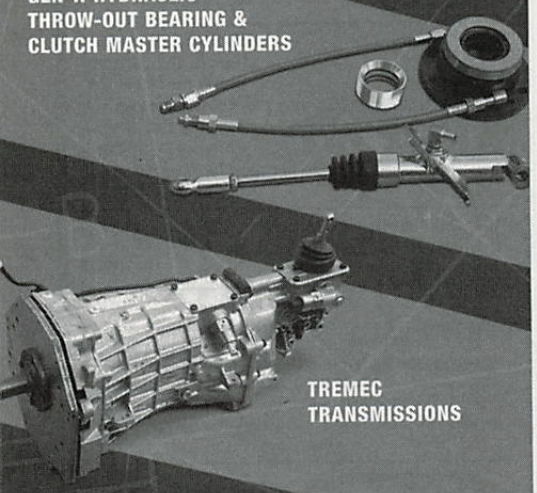

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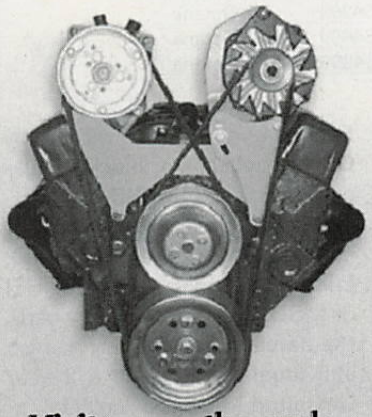

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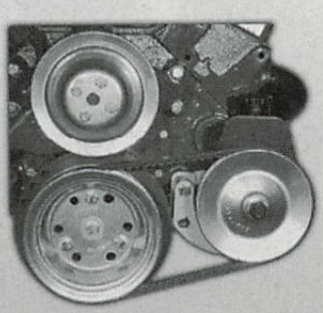

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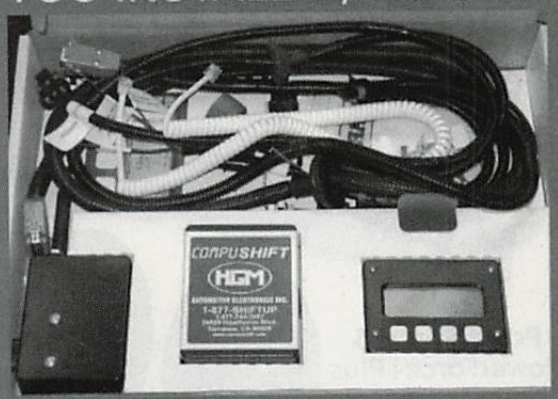

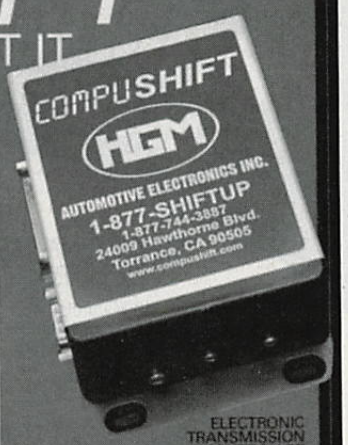

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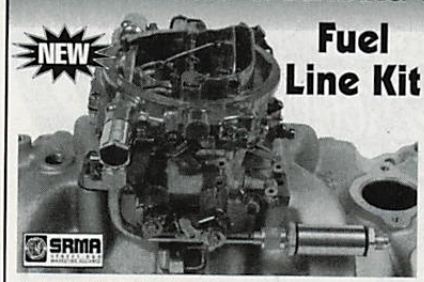

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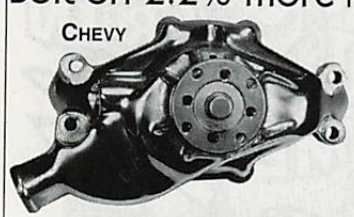

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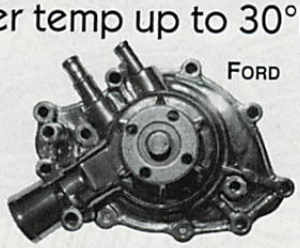

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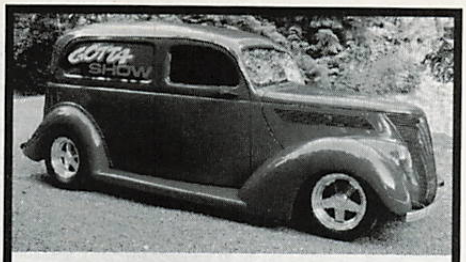

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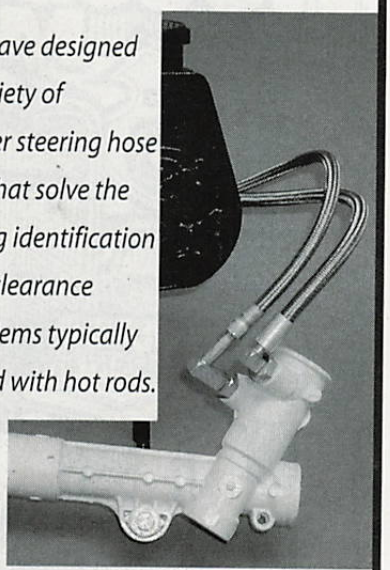

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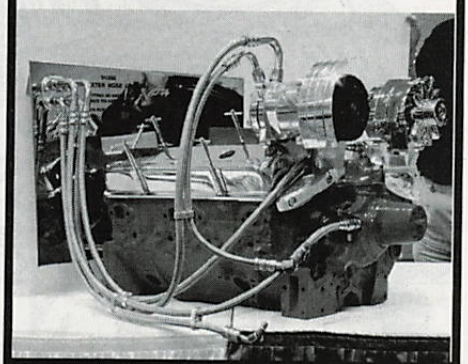

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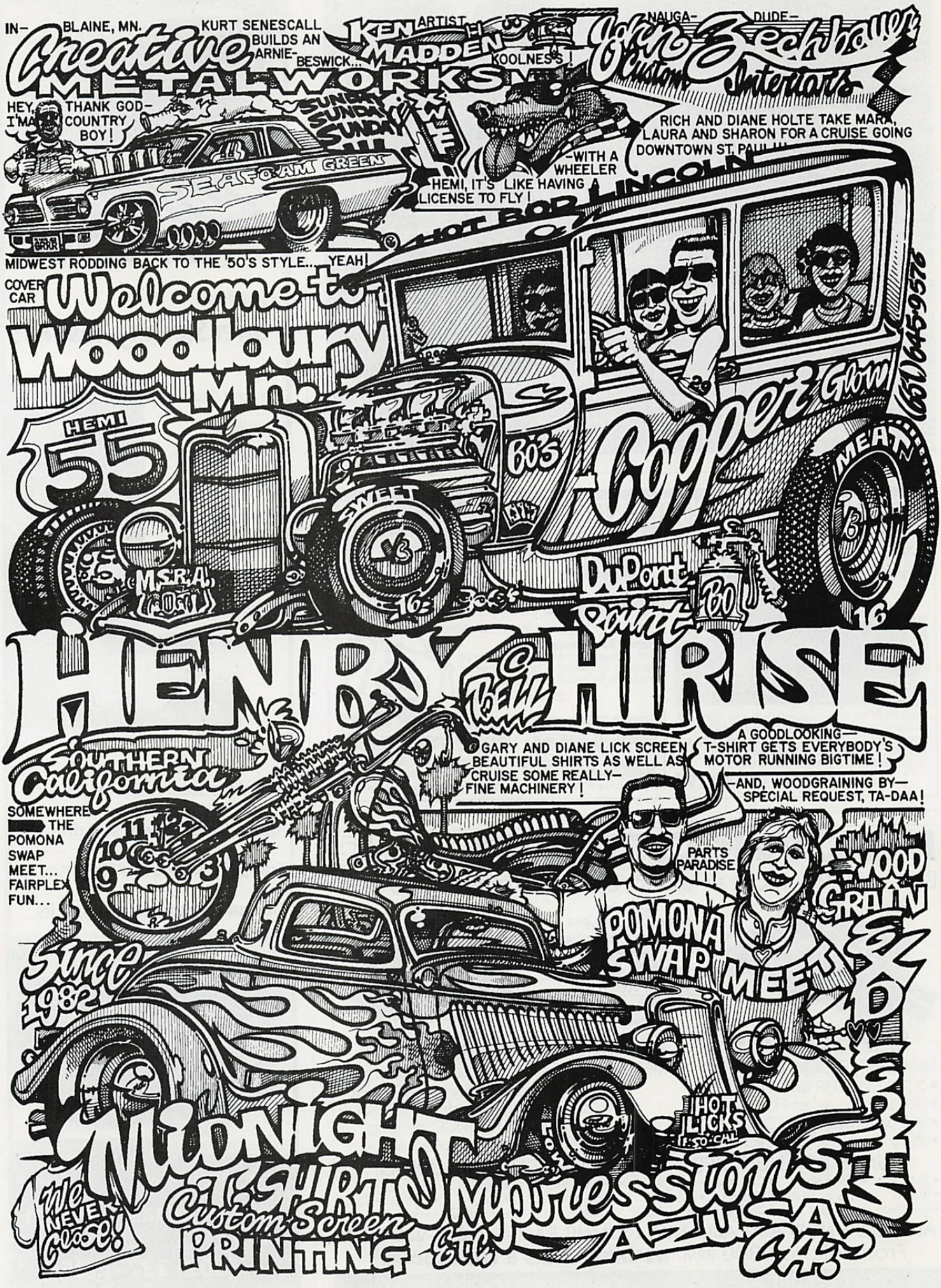
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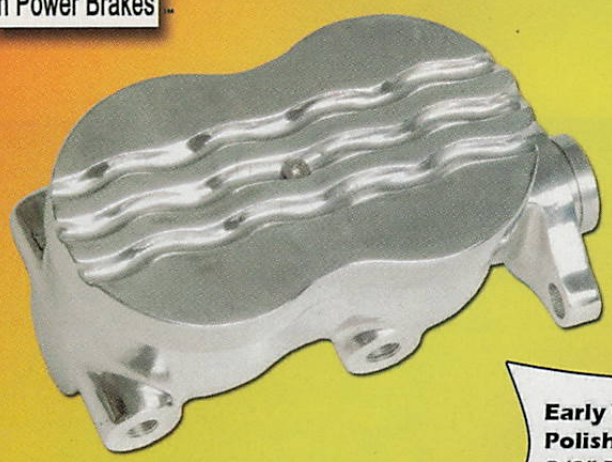

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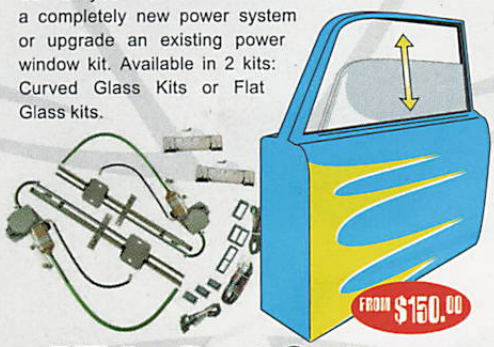

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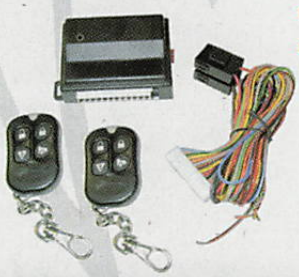

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While Jack had a few years of car shows under his belt, it took him until 1979 to talk Ray Fahrner out of the Eclipse. Jack watched what started as a fairly rare '32 Ford roadster pickup morph into an unprecedented show car. The Eclipse resides at Darryl Starbird's Custom Car Museum when it's not on the road.

JACK WALKER
The Clone Ranger

Typically speaking, the average honorary procession celebrates the primary personalities in a specific subject. In this column, for example, we've chronicled the likes of Wilhelm, Cushenbery, Himsl, and Hines—the people who proverbially lit the fuse on the custom car rocket.

However, the Darryl Starbird Custom Car Museum Hall of Fame is unique in that it celebrates those who may not have started the ball rolling, but those who maintain our culture's momentum—the keepers of the flame if you will. Without these devoted individuals who collect and/or clone these pieces of history, we wouldn't have such rich artifacts to draw upon. This is a dedicated group of builders and collectors who not only gather physical artifacts, but also gather the stories and facts that surround them. These are the stewards of a big slice of American pop culture.

Jack Walker joined the custom car movement relatively late. Sure, he doodled cars in school and bought every magazine with a car in, on, or around it, but as he put it, "I got married. Then that all went away." As it turns out, the marriage was short-lived. "I got divorced in 1967. Then I got completely crazy about cars," he says. Jack bought a new '67 Chevelle, prepped it for stock-class drag racing, and hit the AHRA race circuit. He traded that car for a new '69 Camaro and raced it out of Dick Harrold's shop. He eventually started touring the Nova on the show circuit as a show/race car and eventually traded it for a gullwing-doored '63 Corvette in 1972.

From 1970 to 1978, Jack reinvented the Corvette and bought several other show cars, including a Coors

beer truck, a tall-T ford with gullwing doors, and a Star Wars-themed trike. Jack's new entourage toured the East Coast venues under lease agreements with several show promoters.

In 1979, Jack bought the Eclipse from Ray Fahrner. "That was a show car from day one," Jack says. "Everybody from the Kansas City area thought he (Ray) was a hero." The eclipse won the *Sweepstakes Award* at the 1960 NHRA Detroit National Champion Custom Car Show and "I watched him build that car," he says. Ray sold the car off after showing it and bought it back a few years later. "It took me a few years to talk him into selling the car to me, but I finally bought it in 1979," Jack says. "I had Doug Thompson restore the car over about a three-year period. I leased the car back to Ray once I finished it as part of the deal we made."

About that same time, a drive in a friend's '50 Mercury inspired Jack. "I decided right there that I wanted to copy the Hirohata Mercury," he says. Jack found a '51 in 1983 and turned it over to Doug Thompson with the orders: Hirohata Merc-exact. "We copied that car right down to the license number!" he says. The significance wasn't lost on the public; Dave "Henry Hirise" Bell dubbed Jack the Clone Ranger from the exercise.

During the mid-'80s, Jack took the opportunity to buy the Ray Goulart '50 Mercury—the car often referred to as the Winfield Mercury. The car stood out for its '58 Chevrolet headlights, heavily reshaped wheel openings, and Corvette-inspired fender coves that trailed the wheels. The car also stood out for the mere fact that it survived the ages and even reappeared as a tangerine-fade show car in the '70s—a time that wasn't altogether friendly to tail-dragging customs. Jack showed the car into the '90s. It reappeared some time later at a Barrett Jackson auction in Scottsdale, Arizona.

By the '90s, Bob Larivee Jr. resurrected the Cavalcade of Customs venue at the Championship Auto Shows events. Jack and Jr. aligned and Jack started leasing cars to Jr.'s circuit. The relationship continues to this day as Jack leases and trailers feature cars to Jr.'s high-profile venues nationwide.

But that didn't stop Jack's clone-prone tendencies. He found a '51 Buick and commissioned Kenny Baker to chop it and Dick "The Bearded One" Hulkans to finish and paint the car in a distinctive, yet recognizable, tri-tone blue. The end resulted in a very faithful clone of Lyle Lakes' *Blue Danube.*

Preceding the *Blue Danube* project, however, Jack saw something lurking in Dave Crook's garage—Harry Bentley Bradley's '51 Chevrolet La Jolla. Time passed and by the late-'90s, well after Jack finished the *Blue Danube*, Jack noticed something changed on the La Jolla; it bore more dust from sitting. "So I talked Harry into selling me the car," he says. "We agreed on a few changes, like the color (Harry originally wanted purple but social elements thwarted the choice in the '50s), and white roll-'n'-pleat interior." And in typical Harry Bradley fashion, he supplied Jack with not only comprehensive plans, but he obtained the correct color lavender for the interior accents. "Harry was a real big

If you're planning to copy something, plan on going big and you'll make a splash. Jack did with his Doug Thompson-built Hirohata clone. He copied the car right down to the Caddy mill and original license plate numbers. This is the car that earned Jack the Clone Ranger moniker from Dave Bell.

Jack also had the good fortune of owning another icon clone—the *Polynesian II*. While it isn't Jack Stewart's Valley Custom-built '50 Olds, it's still a convincing head-turner to this day. The *Polynesian II* now lives in Florida awaiting a new owner.

Even if you don't know the La Jolla's creator's name, Harry Bentley Bradley, you more than likely know his work if you ever noticed Hot Wheels cars. Harry's the guy who designed the *Deora* for the Alexander Brothers. This is one of his earlier works that illustrates some of Harry's eye for shape.

If there's an unsung hero of historic custom car builders, it has to be Harry Westergard. Harry died tragically as a result of his rather wild lifestyle on the cusp of his fame. This '40 Mercury was his personal car and it features a number of very radical modifications for its time. For example, check out the fadeaway front fenders and the '42 Buick grille.

help with that car with his drawings and plans," Jack says. Backing up even further, Jack's partner in crime, Doug Thompson, built a '50 Chevrolet for Larry Cochran in 1986. Doug chopped and hardtopped the lid, incorporated a '59 Chrysler Imperial grille insert into a Mercury grille shell, and finished the rear with '50 Cadillac fins. Larry showed the candy-tangerine custom briefly at KKOA events and ultimately shelved the car. The car languished for nearly a decade until Larry's death forced the car's sale. Jack purchased the car, commissioned Bob Sypes to retrim the car in rolls 'n' pleats, and incorporated it into his arsenal.

Then, one day Jack noticed a dust-covered custom in the Petersen Automotive Museum's basement. "It was the Firestar, the '61 Thunderbird that John D'Agostino built in the late '90s," Jack says. "A Swedish guy bought it, took it home to show it, and the museum brought it back for their 'Kustoms with a K' display. I looked under the cover and noticed a 'For Sale' sign, so I called the guy and bought it." To this day, the *Rod & Custom* cover car and 1999 Sacramento Autorama contender receives top billing wherever it shows.

Then, two years ago, while displaying in Houston, "(DJ and announcer) Wings Callahan tosses a Hemmings (*Motor News*) at me and said 'read this,'" Jack says. There, in the middle of the page was an ad for a '40 Mercury custom. "It was a (Harry) Westergard car. A guy who lived in Sacramento owned the car for the past 30 years and he wanted to sell it." So Jack and his lifetime friend Ed Guffey acted fast and procured the car. They sent the car off to Verdon, Nebraska's Dave Dolman for a full restoration. Once again, Bob Sypes came in for a roll-'n'-pleat job as well as a fresh skin for the Carson-style padded top. The Westergard car made its debut at CASI shows in late 2004 and continues to circuit the country as we speak.

The Darryl Starbird Custom Car Hall of Fame inducted Jack as *Owner/Builder of the Year* in 2000 and we're proud to say that after all these years, Jack Walker's still certified nuts about cars. He says he's contemplating his next move, possibly another '50 Mercury or a survivor-custom he found on the outskirts of town. But for now, Jack has a ball touring the country showing his cars. We can't think of a much better time than that! SR

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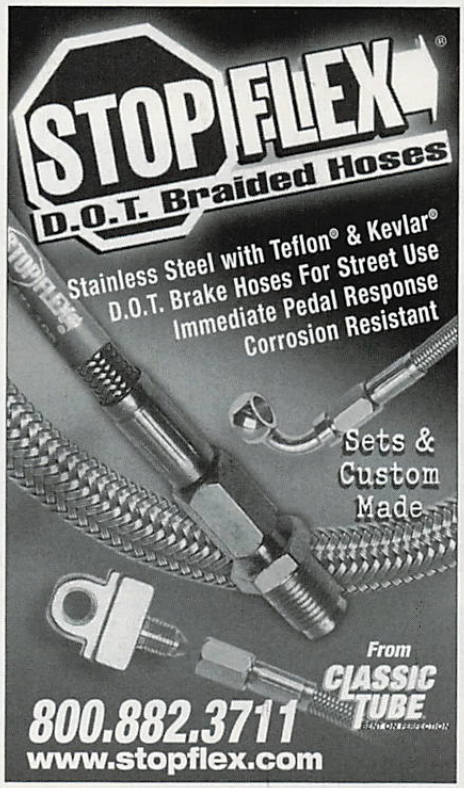

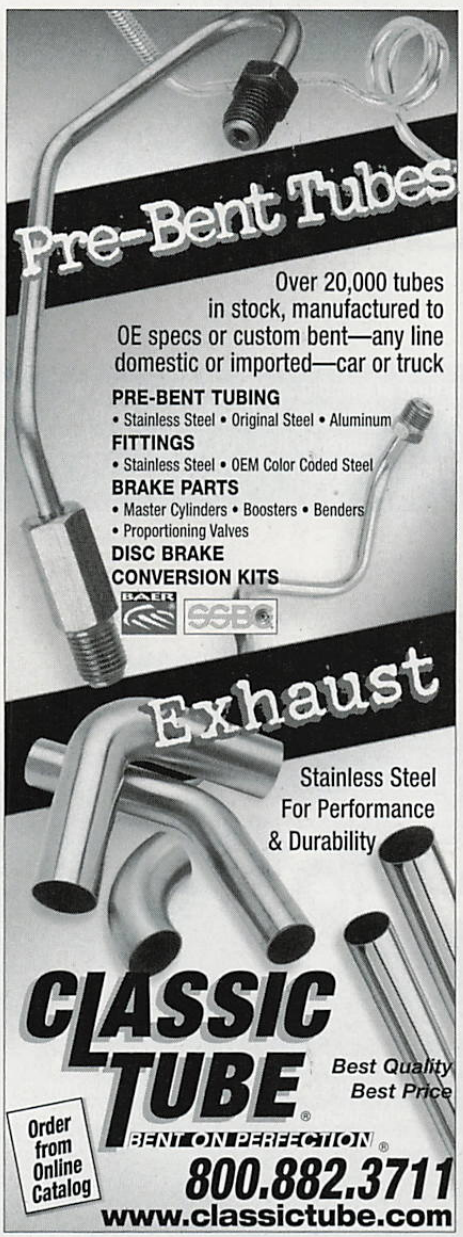
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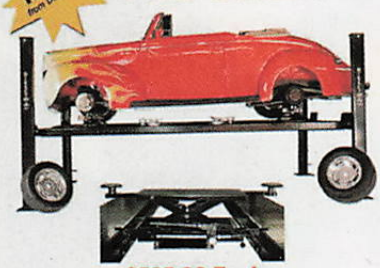

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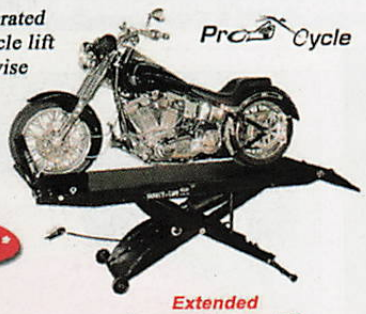

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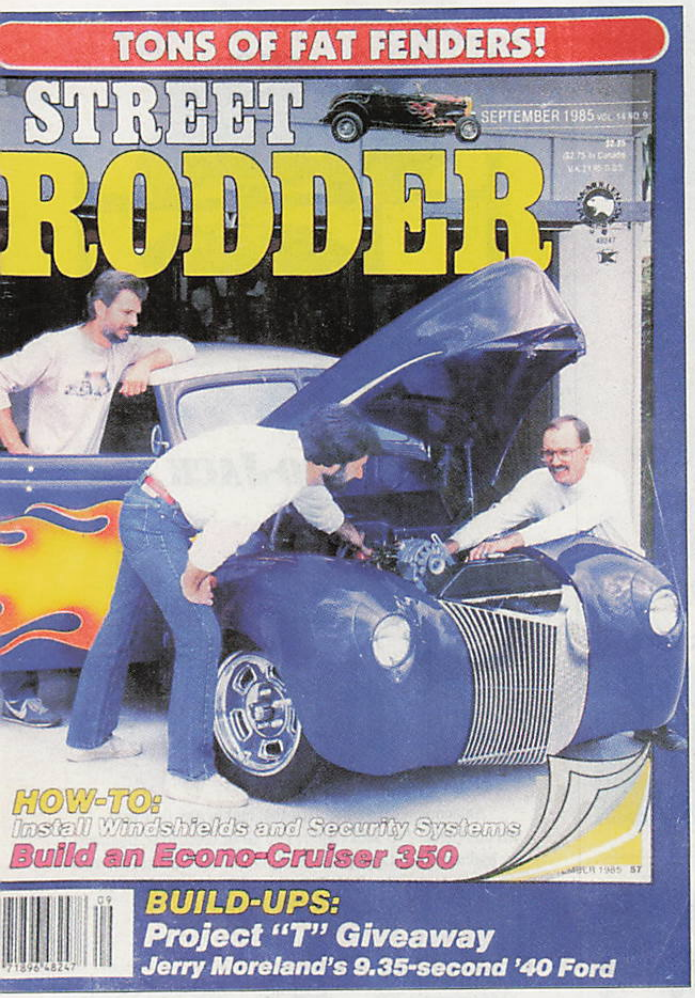
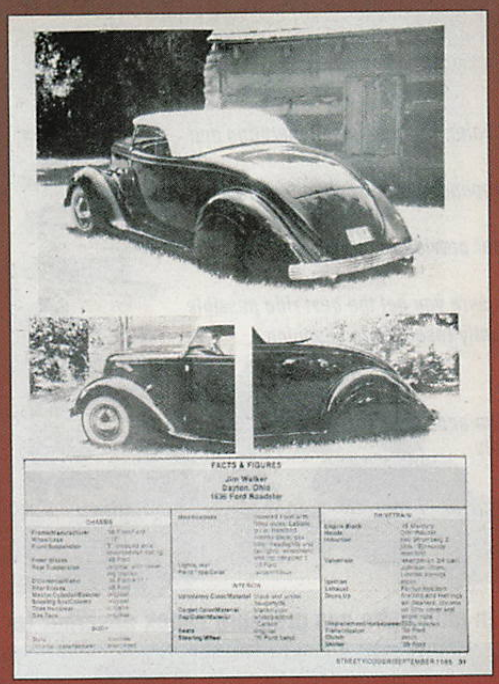
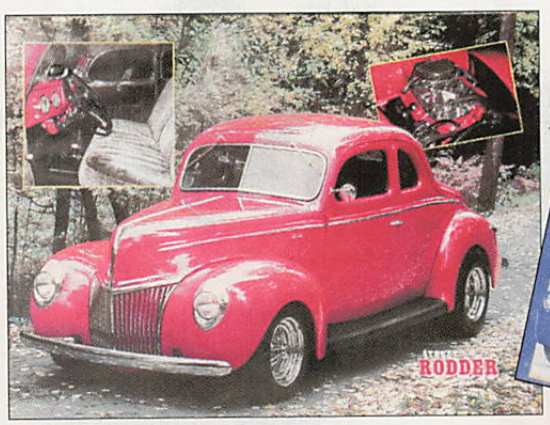




Over the years, custom car collector extraordinar Jim Walker of Dayton, Ohio, has come up with some of the finest period-perfect, as well as original, late-'30s to early-'50s custom cars ever built. This sweet '36 Ford roadster is no exception. From the LaSalle grille to the built '48 Mercury Flattie to the perfect tail dragin' stance, '40 Chevy headlights, teardrop skirts, and ribbed Desoto bumpers, this custom sets the standard for all others.



(left) Street rodding has been around for a very long time, not only here in the states, but just about everywhere else in the world as well. As you can clearly see here, street rodding was alive and well across the Atlantic back in 1985, thanks to Per Olov Thorslund of Lidingo, Sweden, and his cherry Chevy small-block-equipped coupe. The coolest thing about the '39 has to be the fact that the owner built the entire car himself at home. Well that, and the bitchin' Appliance Fine Wire wheels. *(middle)* Who could forget this famous little '39 Ford 'vert put together by the even more famous Pete Chapouris III. Actually, this roadster came together with the help of not just Pete, but a handful of the finest street rod builders in the world–like Don "The Buffalo" Thelen, John Carambia, and of course, Jim "Jake" Jacobs, just to name a few. This project was sparked for Pete way back when his hot rodder dad, Pete Jr., built a mildly customized '39 convertible when Pete *number three* was just a wee little crumb cruncher. *(right)* Every once in a while, someone comes along and blends two styles together for one great result. Usually, as with this car, the best two styles to blend are a little bit of custom with a lot of hot rod. Bodyman Gary Hite of Kingsport, Tennessee, spent some quality time with this cool '51 Chevy sedan, transforming the family sedan into the best of both worlds. We're pretty sure the well-built 300hp small-block helped the '51 run as good as she looks.

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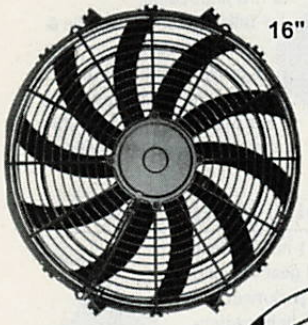
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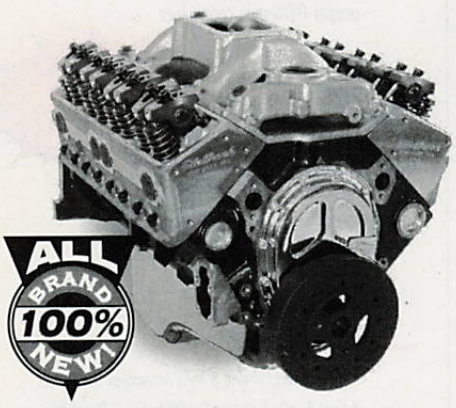

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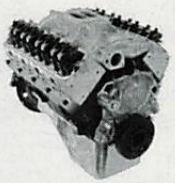

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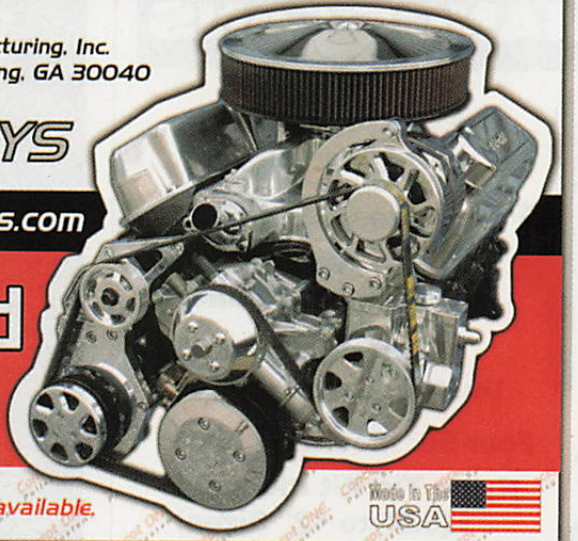

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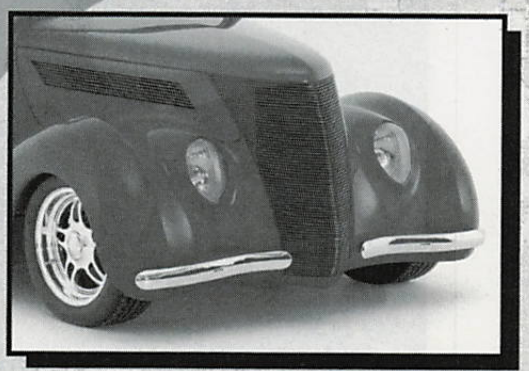

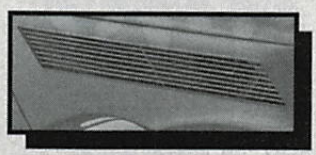

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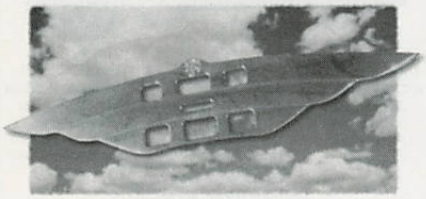

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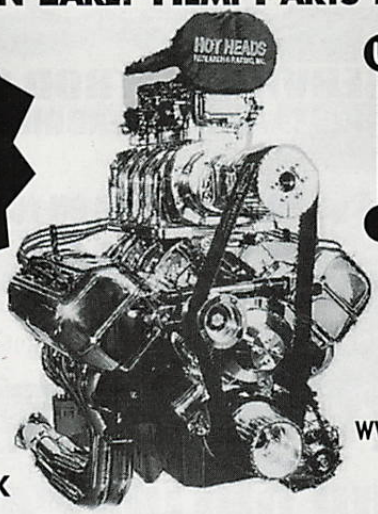

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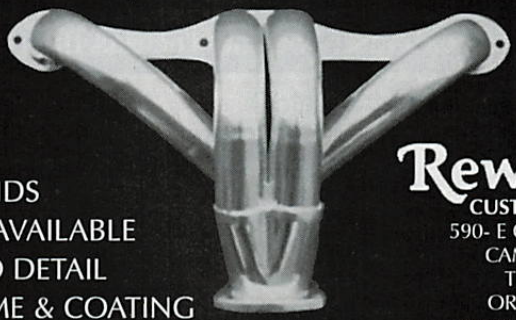

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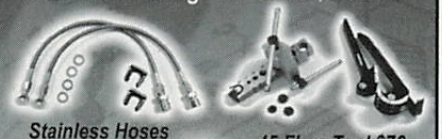

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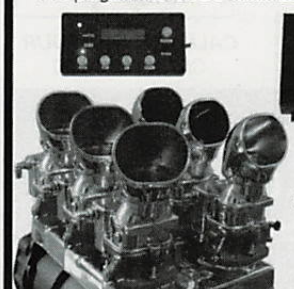

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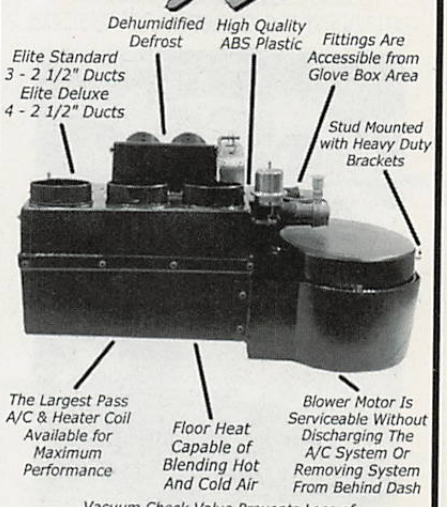
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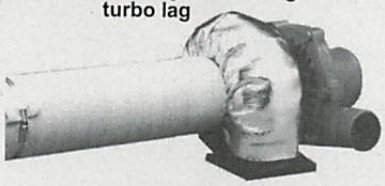

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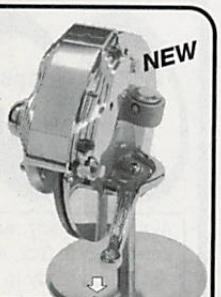

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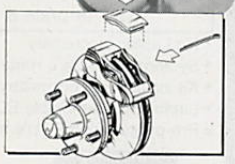

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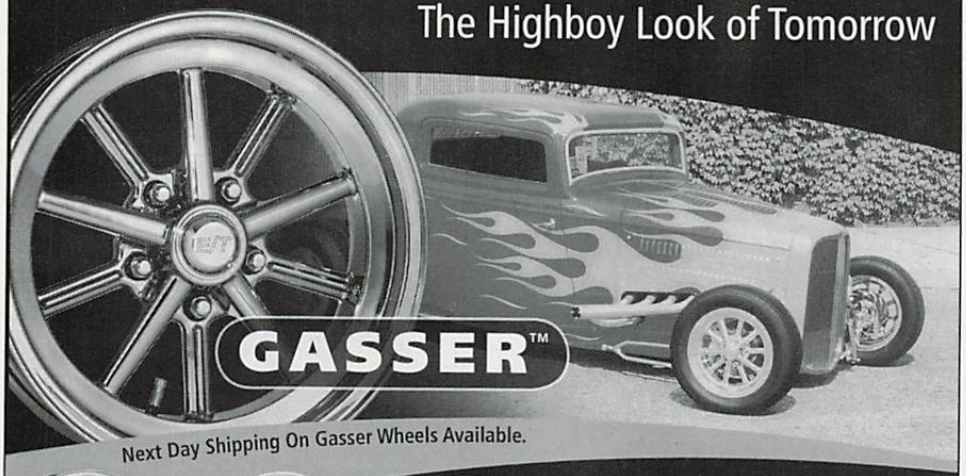

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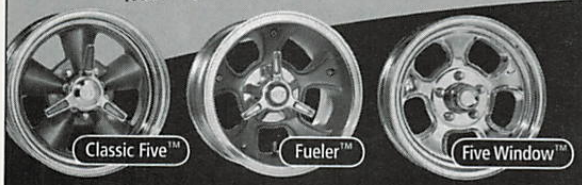

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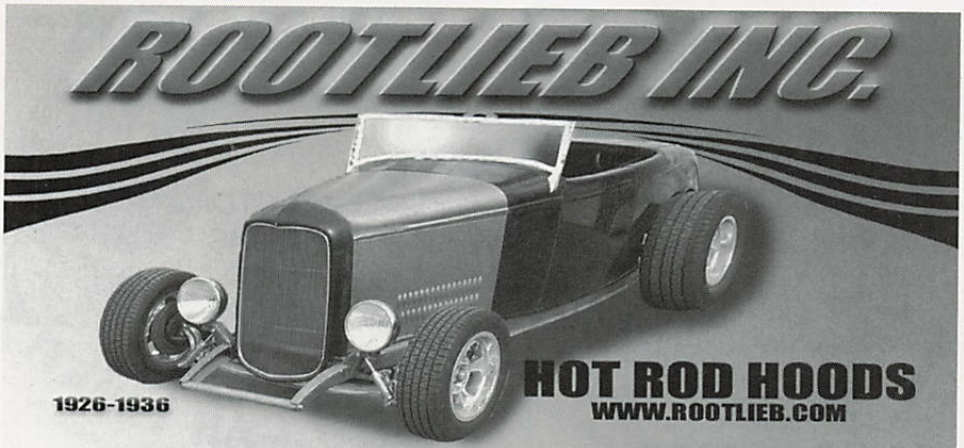

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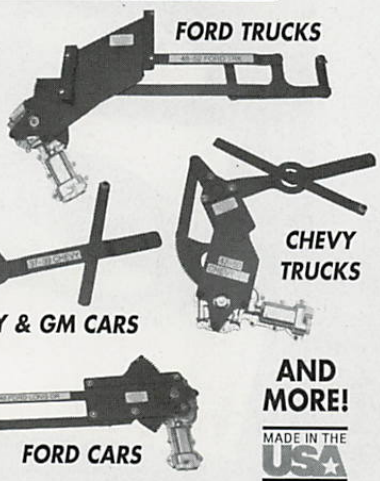

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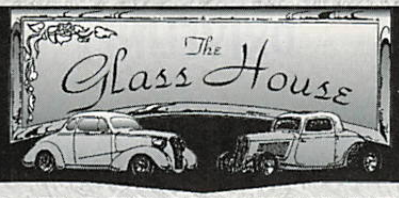

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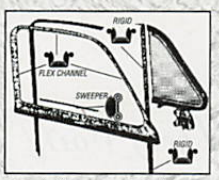

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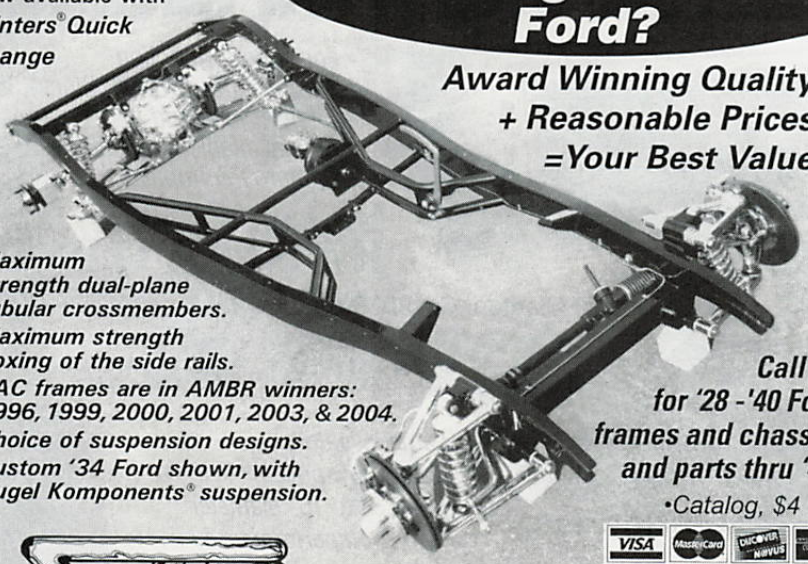

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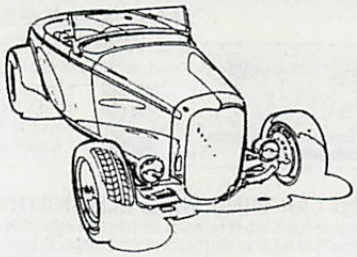

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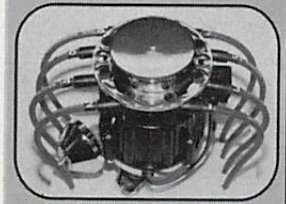

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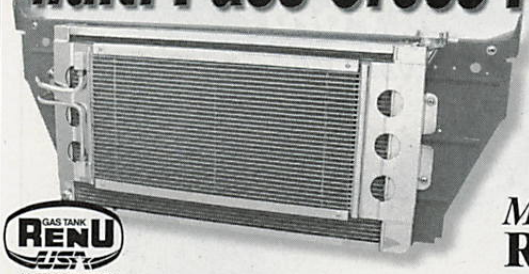

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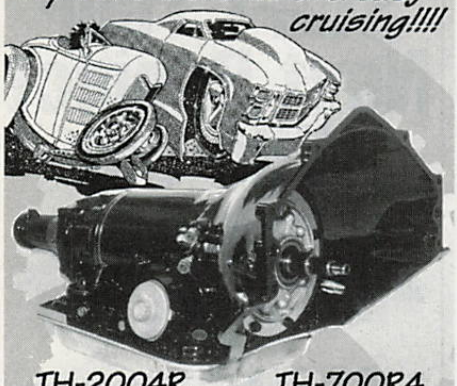

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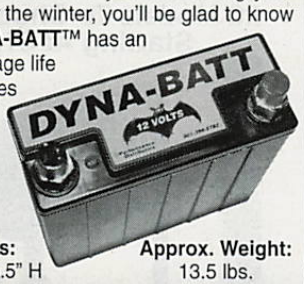

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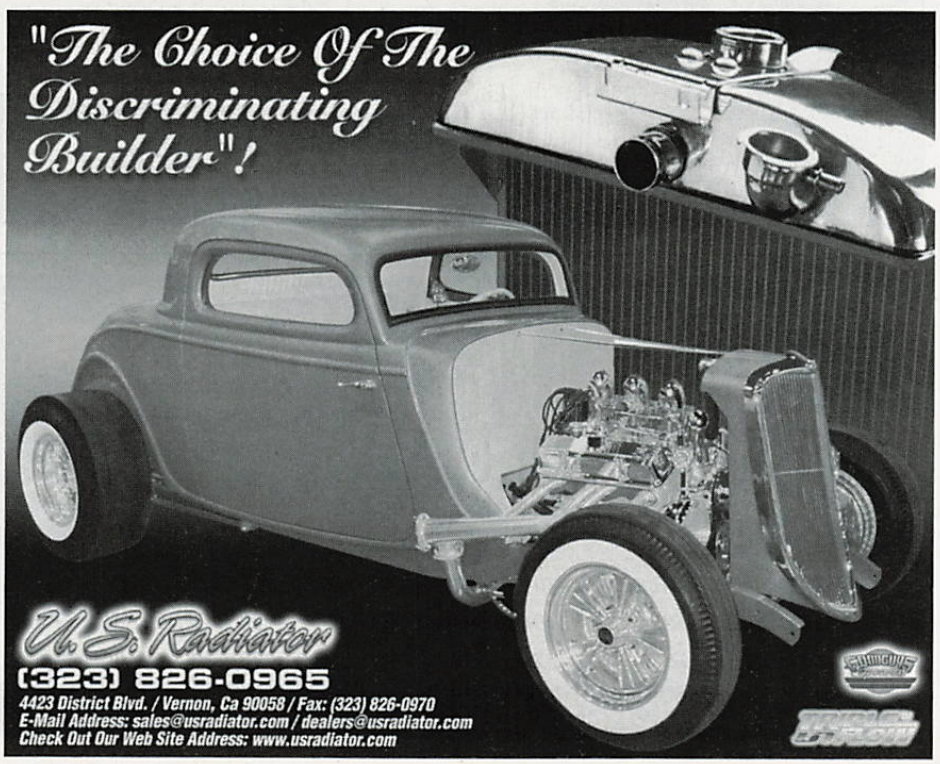

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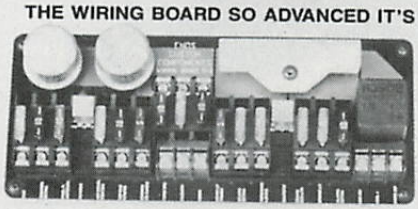
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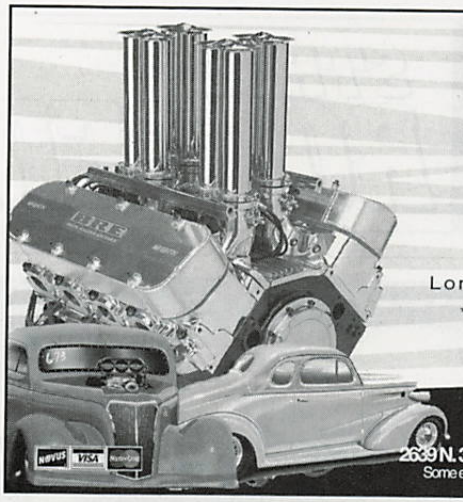
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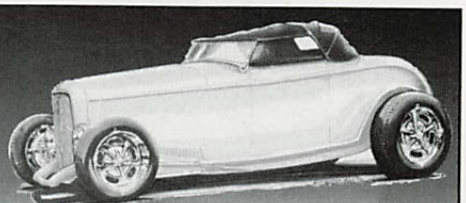
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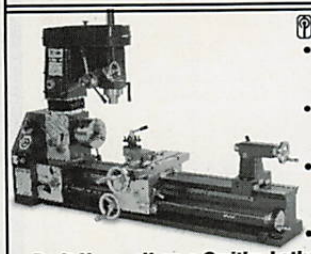

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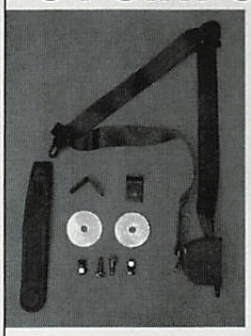

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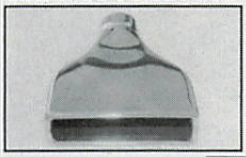

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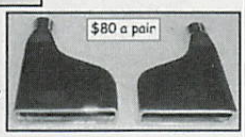

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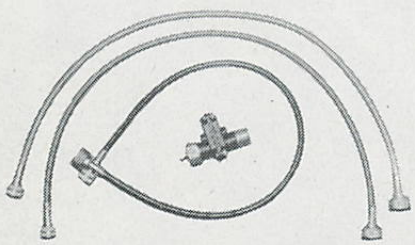

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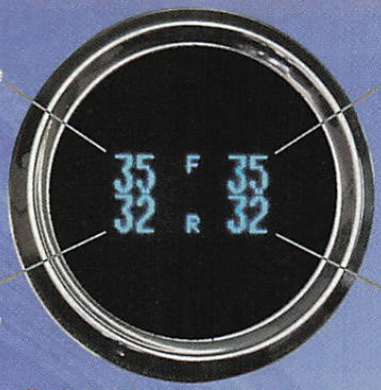

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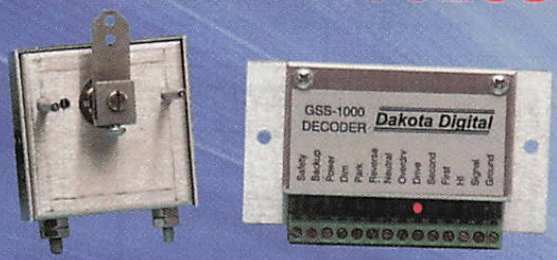

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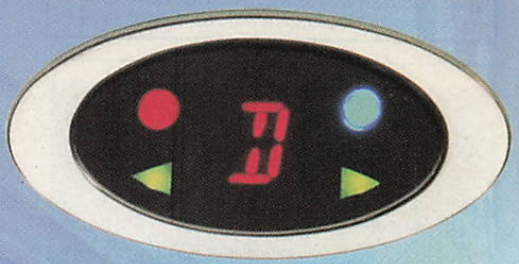

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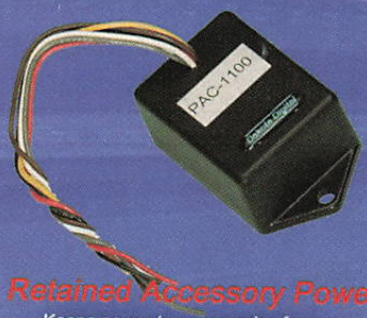

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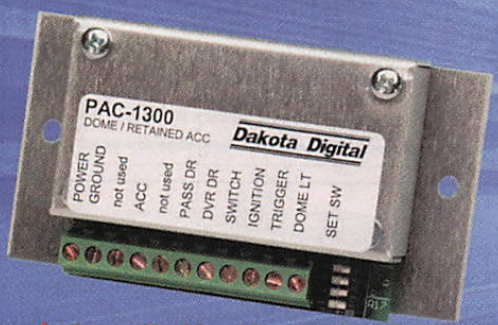

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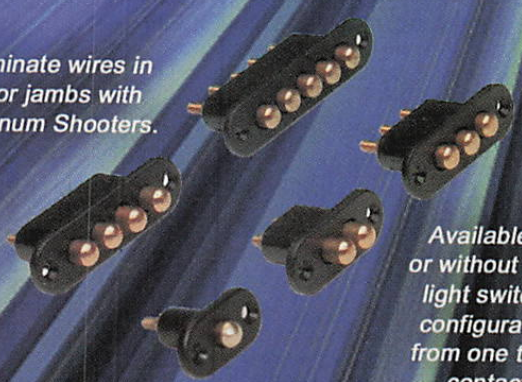

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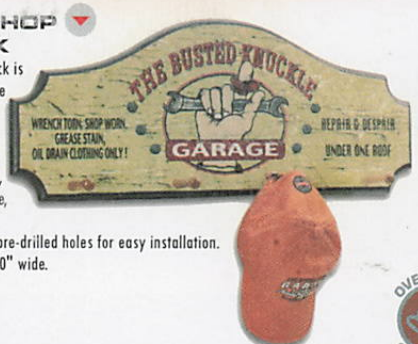

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